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Chinese face resistance

Vietnam battles still fierce

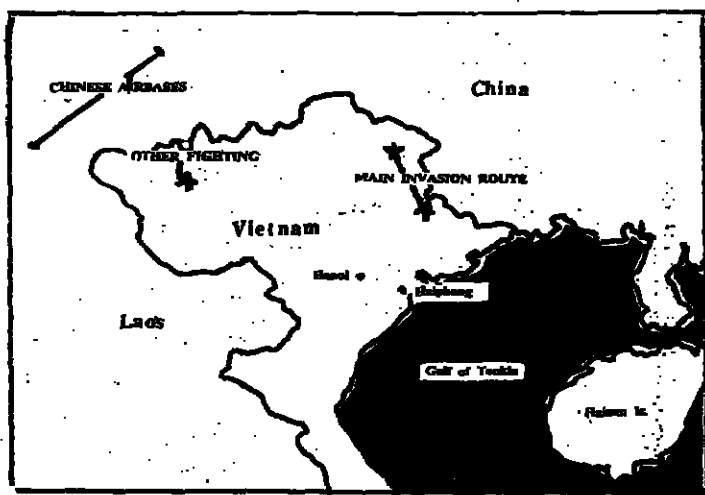
BANGKOK, Feb. 20 (AP) — Vietnam said Tuesday that heavy fighting is under way along its border with China, with intelligence sources in Bangkok saying some Chinese units were 17 kilometers inside northeastern Vietnam.

The Voice of Vietnam, in a broadcast monitored in Bangkok Tuesday, said by Sunday many Chinese troops columns had had to re-group and wait for reinforcements.

The intelligence sources added that on Monday the Chinese thrust had halted 10 kilometers inside the Vietnamese border, and some Chinese units withdrew inside Chinese territory. Thai military intelligence said the units that withdrew have been replaced by fresh troops.

China has said it intends to "teach Vietnam a lesson," and battlefield reports from Hanoi indicate the Vietnamese are putting up stiff resistance.

At Muong Khong, four kilometers inside the rugged mountain province of Hoang Lien Son, the Vietnamese



claim to have killed 400 Chinese troops. At banks near the border city of Lao Cai, in the same province, Vietnam claims to have killed another 700 Chinese troops.

Thai military intelligence sources Tuesday said that Vietnamese resistance in the mountainous province has been so intense that the Chinese

have pulled many units out of the region.

But they discounted Vietnamese claims to have knocked out 80 Chinese tanks, saying the figure was much lower and that Vietnamese troops have suffered heavier losses than the elite Chinese army units

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As envoys head for U.S.

Egypt warns Israel of tension

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (Agencies) — Hours before the start of the Middle East peace talks at Camp David, Egypt warned Israel that the "situation in the region is dangerously tense" and urged the Israelis to realize that a comprehensive peace settlement is vital.

"There is no place left for maneuvering and procrastination," the government-run Cairo Radio said in a news commentary entitled "Peace at the Camp David Table Again." The peace talks, which started Wednesday, have been suspended since November after a dispute on whether to link progress in Egyptian-Israeli relations with steps for the establishment of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Egypt wants the link and Israel does not.

"There can be no peace in the Middle East unless Palesti-

nian autonomy is settled. And, there shall be no peace in the region until Israel gives back the Egyptian Sinai, the Syrian Golan, and the Jordanian West Bank," the radio

Israel loses 96% of oil supplies

Israeli Minister of Energy Yitzhak Mordechai Tuesday admitted that Israel has lost 96 per cent of its world oil supplies, according to the West German Deutsche Presse Agentur (DPA), monitored by SPA.

Addressing a Knesset committee, he also declared that even Israel's traditional oil suppliers now had to resort to intermediaries in order to avoid direct sales to the Zionist state.

According to DPA, the minister said that Israel was now considering a fuel price increase.

said. "The situation in the region is tense and it is time the Israelis lifted their heads from the sand."

Monday, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil en route to the Washington meeting, held talks with Prime Minister James Callaghan in London in which he outlined Egypt's Middle East peace views, British officials said.

The Egyptian prime minister left Tuesday for Washington for the negotiations which will be attended by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The Israeli delegation to the talks at Camp David hopes to hear new American proposals for reaching a peace treaty, Dayan said Monday before departing for the United States.

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Queen sends cable of thanks to Khaled

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) King Khaled and Queen Elizabeth II Tuesday exchanged greetings, after the Queen's visit to Saudi Arabia.

The Queen left Dammam Port Monday on board the royal yacht Britannia after three days in the Kingdom. She is now visiting Doha, Qatar.

In her message of thanks the Queen said, "My husband and I extend our warmest thanks to Your Majesty for your generosity and hospitality. We shall always remember our warm welcome in Saudi Arabia and we leave with an excellent impression of your country and people. We are confident the friendship between our two countries will long endure."

In his reply, King Khaled hoped that "We in Saudi Arabia have been adequate hosts in the all too short period of your stay." He wished the Queen good health and happiness and expressed his hopes that the people of Britain would prosper.

In a spontaneous expression of fervor throngs of his subjects, many from far-flung villages of the Eastern Province, paid their respects to King Khaled Tuesday.

King opens new factory

DAMMAM, Feb. 20 (SPA) — King Khaled Tuesday opened the new aluminum products complex of the Aluminum Products Company (Alupco) at the Industrial Park here.

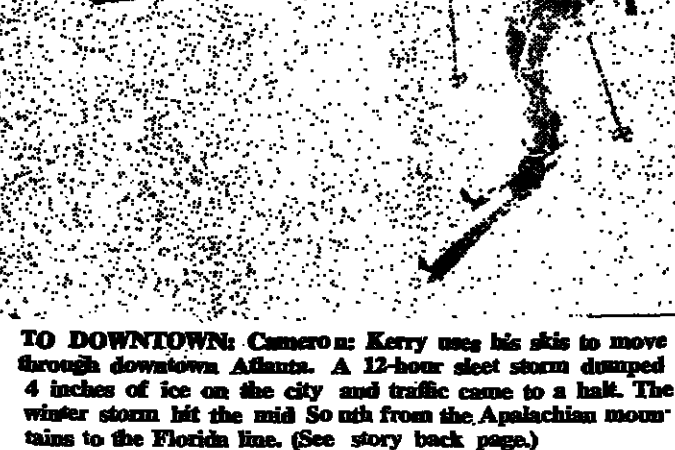
The new complex will produce 8,000 tons of aluminum products annually. It comprises one of the largest aluminum oxidizing units in the world and will use more than 800 tons of aluminum sheets annually to manufacture products for the Saudi housing market.

The complex comprises separate plants for extrusion of aluminum and fabrication.

On arrival at the complex at 3 p.m. the King, accompanied by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, was met by Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Naww, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algaissi and other senior officials.



TO DOWNTOWN: Cameron: Kerry uses his skills to move through downtown Atlanta. A 12-hour sleet storm dumped 4 inches of ice on the city and traffic came to a halt. The winter storm hit the mid South from the Appalachian mountains to the Florida line. (See story back page.)



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Kuwait launches Sharia-based bank

KUWAIT, Feb. 20 (AP) — Kuwait Tuesday launched its first Islamic banking institution.

The institution, known as the Kuwait Finance House (KFH), was formally inaugurated by Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, who described it as "the first step in the field of banking and financial services according to the Islamic Sharia-Koranic law."

The government has blessed the establishment of this institution by contributing to its capital and providing an opportunity for citizens to join in the venture," he added.

The KFH will have a share capital of \$36 million, with the government holding 49 per cent and the public 51 per cent. It will conduct all types of banking business, with the difference that according to Islamic principles it will not charge or pay interest either for loans or to depositors.

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Zayed receives Khaled's message

ABU DHABI, Feb. 20 (AP) — Saudi Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thumayyan Tuesday delivered a message from King Khaled to Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates.

The message deals with bilateral relations and events in the area.

Thumayyan is on a Gulf tour which has already taken him to Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar where he delivered similar messages to their rulers.

Khomeini vows:

Revolution continues; 4 generals executed

TEHRAN, Feb. 20 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini vowed Tuesday to continue his revolution "until the hand of the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain are cut" and warned that "traitors are seeking to demolish you."

In a radio address on the reopening of schools, Khomeini said it was up to the people of Iran "to strive and water the tree of freedom of the country. You will be hable if you fall short."

"Today the people of Iran, without any leaning toward left or right, have completed an uprising, and the traitors are waiting to demolish you."

Khomeini thanked students and teachers who joined in the revolution against Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, adding "we have a difficult course to continue our education."

"Textbooks must be changed and the colonial contents of textbooks must be removed," he said. "Also we should remove the signs of colonial culture. The revolutionary campaign is continued up to our deaths."

Meanwhile, a firing squad executed four more of the Shah's generals Tuesday, bringing to eight the number of military commanders executed by the new regime.

Aides to Khomeini said Gen. Farviz Amin Afshar, former

commander of the Imperial Guard, Brig. Gen. Maunuchehr Malek, commander of infantry in Qazvin, Gen. Nematullah Motamadi, military governor of Qazvin and Gen. Moossein Hamadani, chief of Savak secret police in Kermanshah, were shot at 2 a.m. local time.

Malek and Motamadi were held responsible for the events.

in Qazvin, west of Tehran, where scores of people were killed in a series of bloody clashes in which tanks were used against the demonstrators. The Imperial Guard, dissolved last week on orders of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, remained loyal to the Shah until the army capitulation.

Also the jetliner flown by the

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ESCAPED: Dallas computer magnate H. Ross Perot, left, said he arranged for an American-led commando squad to rescue two of his employees held in an Iran jail. The employees are in the center, Bill Gaylord and Paul Schiappone, and a retired U.S. army colonel is at right. (AP photo)

Prison break in Tehran financed by U.S. magnate

DALLAS, Tex. Feb. 20 (AP) — Millionaire H. Ross Perot said Monday that an American-led commando squad he financed was behind a major assault on an Iranian prison that freed thousands of inmates, including two of his employees.

The computer magnate said he funneled an unspecified amount of money to Iranian revolutionaries who incited a mob to storm Tehran's Gase Prison Feb. 11, the day the government of Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar fell to the forces of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Perot said the commando's role was only to escort the employees out of the country.

William Gaylord and Paul Schiappone, both 39, engineers for Perot's Dallas-based

Electronic Data Systems Inc., had been jailed for seven weeks, apparently in connection with allegations of official corruption involving a contract won by Perot's firm.

Perot said the escape was activated only after he failed to negotiate a \$12.75 million "ransom" that he said was demanded by the Iranian government.

"Our first preference was to pay the ransom, but our efforts to pay it failed because the banking system in Iran collapsed," Perot said.

The State Department said in Washington only that it knew Gaylord and Schiappone were imprisoned in Iran at one time and that they were not there now.

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Gulf security talks said in offing

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 — The Gulf Arab countries may convene a meeting of foreign ministers to discuss recent developments in the region, according to diplomats in Bahrain quoted by "Al-Bilad" newspaper Tuesday.

The diplomats said that Gulf countries were engaged in "intensive consultations to improve cooperation between Gulf states in light of recent events — a clear reference to the continuing civil unrest in Iran."

The conference, which might precede a summit, will seek to find ways "to protect the region from foreign attempts at its peace and stability," the diplomats said.

The conference is also likely to discuss coordination of Gulf attitudes to the Middle East question in light of the talks that reopened at Camp David Tuesday, they said.

The report follows renewed calls for coordination in Gulf security from Kuwait, Iraq, Oman and North Yemen in recent weeks. Saudi Arabia and Iraq signed a security pact covering the exchange of information on criminal activities and an extradition treaty earlier this month.

A former conference was called on Gulf security in Muscat in 1976 but made little concrete suggestions.

—James Buchanan

Southern town to get desalt unit

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 — A desalination plant is to be set up in coastal town of Shuqaiq to provide drinking water for the inhabitants of the southern region, "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Tuesday. A 100-kilometer pipeline to Abha is planned.

KAU to hear lecture on news

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Director of Jeddah Radio Hussein Muhammad Al-Askari will deliver a lecture on the role of news at King Abdul Aziz University Wednesday.

Jizan water contract awarded

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer, acting minister of agriculture and water has awarded a SR405 million eight-month contract for drinking water in Abul Qasab, Muh and Farshah, near Jizan, to a local company.



MODEL: Dr. Masri explains a model of an ancient Arabian community to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as the Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, looks on.

Museums slated for 6 local sites

RIYADH, Feb. 20 — The Antiquities Department intends to establish museums at six archaeological sites in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Abdullah Masri, director general for antiquities and museums said here this week.

Speaking after the visit of

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain to the Riyadh National Museum Sunday, Dr. Masri said land had been acquired and designs almost completed for museums at Najran and Jizan, centers of south Arabian civilization; at the Nabatean sites

of Al-Ula, Tayma and Juf in the north, and at Ahsa in the Eastern Province.

The museums are designed to encourage research and interest in antiquities, to promote tourism and to protect the sites, Dr. Masri said.

At Jeddah meeting

Saudia reviews flight safety code

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 — Representatives from six Arab states met at Saudia's headquarters here this week to discuss flight safety standards at

Arab airports, the airline said Tuesday.

The meeting, the first of a sub-committee formed by the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) discussed recently proposed safety standards at airports, terminal areas and in route structures.

Saudia General Manager Capt. Abdul Aziz Saman chaired the sub-committee, which was formed by AACO's pilot committee at a conference in Baghdad in December last year.

Recommendations of the sub-committee will be presented to the Arab Flight Operations Conference which is due to be held in Montreal,

Canada in May and to individual civil aviation departments.

The meeting Monday and Tuesday was attended by delegations from Iraq, Syria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon and by an Arab League representative. The Saudia group comprised Saman, Capt.

Sami Bakhash, Boeing B-737 flying manager; Capt. Muhammad Rauf, flight training manager and First Officer Muhammad Birinj, staff manager for leased aircraft.

The meeting also heard research papers and studies dealing with flight operation difficulties typical of the Middle East, the airline said.

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Fahd to open Arab economic conference

RIYADH, Feb. 20 — Crown Prince Fahd will next Monday open a meeting of finance ministers of Arab countries here, "Othaz" newspaper said Tuesday.

The meeting, the 26th session of the Arab League's Arab Economic Unity Council, is expected to draft a multilateral agreement for investment in Arab countries.

It will be attended by the 22 Arab finance ministers, Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad, the assistant secretary general and the directors of the 14 Arab joint venture companies set up by the council since its foundation by the Arab League over 20 years ago.

The investment agreement is designed to facilitate the movement of capital between Arab countries by creating a

SR106m credits set for industry

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund has agreed to commit SR 106 million in loans for the execution of 12 industrial projects, it was announced here Tuesday.

The projects include factories for construction materials, prefabricated housing, insulation materials, printing materials, dairy products, cans, central airconditioning units and sanitary ware.

The fund's board of directors held a meeting Monday chaired by Sheikh Khaled Al-Gosaibi, of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and attended by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, deputy finance minister for economic affairs, Dr. Faisal Al-Bashir, deputy planning minister and Yusuf Al-Hamdan, deputy commerce minister.

Aide sees envoy

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic and Cultural Affairs Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah Al-Raza Tuesday received the Norwegian ambassador.

suitable climate through legal safeguards against expropriation and tax incentives.

The council will also consider signing a similar Arab agreement for trade which will

Standards panel outlaws false, un-Islamic labeling

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) has prohibited the import of food items with pirated or misleading labels or with information repugnant to religious sensibilities, SASO Director General Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf said Tuesday.

At a meeting chaired by Deputy Commerce Minister Yusuf Al-Hamdan, the organi-

zation's deputy chairman, SASO also issued new specifications for imported fresh, frozen or chilled beef and frozen chicken and safety tests for valves and regulators on domestic gas cylinders.

The gas cylinder safety measures become obligatory a year after their publication in the official gazette, Dr. Khalaf said.

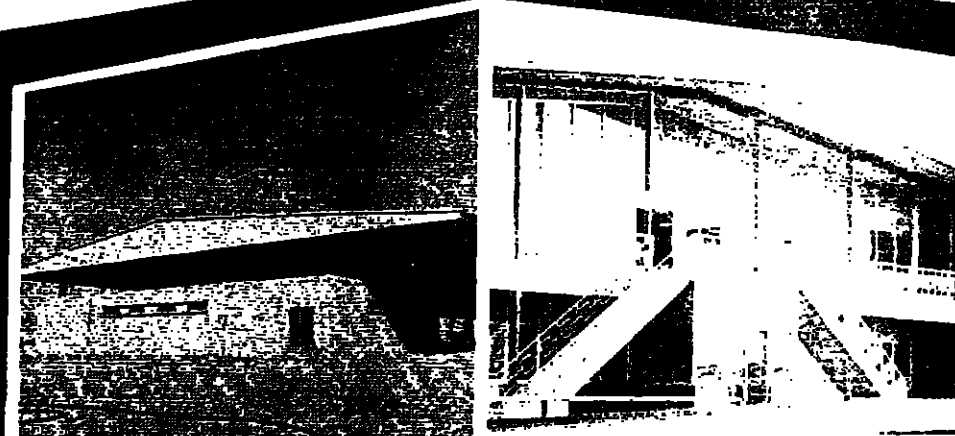
seek to stimulate inter-Arab commerce by eliminating customs and other barriers.

The meeting is also expected to discuss a draft strategy for Arab food security through the reduction of food imports from non-Arab states.

Among new Arab joint ventures to be discussed are an insecticides plant and a textile-weaving machine plant.

The session will also witness the signing of an agreement to establish the Arab Fisheries Company, a joint venture in which Saudi Arabia holds 30 per cent. The headquarters of the new company will be Jeddah.

Other discussions will deal with developments in the Euro-Arab dialogue.



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N'Djamena quiet after ceasefire ends Chad battle

N'DJAMENA, Feb. 20 (AP) — The streets of N'Djamena were quiet Tuesday, eight days after the outbreak of savage fighting between the forces of President Felix Maloum and Premier Hissene Habre and 24 hours after the signing of a formal ceasefire.

Loudspeaker trucks toured the capital on Monday, announcing the "immediate and permanent application" of the ceasefire signed between Maloum's regular army forces and the prime minister's "Army of the North."

The agreement, signed in the presence of the Sudanese Conciliation Mission and the commander of the French military forces in Chad, will remain in force "until a global solution, acceptable to all the parties concerned is found on the question of national reconciliation."

The ceasefire requires the warring factions to remain in positions they occupied at the end of the fighting and prohibits any movement to enforce these positions.

A "Neutral Control Committee" is to be formed, composed of two members from each side as well as two French representatives to "inter-

4 Algerian leaders wind up discussion of constitution

ALGERIA, Feb. 20 (R) — Algeria's new political leaders have ended a three-day meeting during which they are believed to have discussed the redrafting of the party and a new government and constitution, the Algeria Press Service reported.

The 17-strong leadership of Algeria's sole political party, the National Liberation Front, summoned the party's

central committee to discuss the issues "within the limits of its competence," the agency said.

The politburo is headed by President Chadli Benjedid. The agency said it was expected that Algeria's ministers, in power under the late President Houari Boumedienne, would redistribute among themselves the leading posts in the government and party.

At that time, Habre broke with the National Liberation Front forces in the north and brought a small army from his guerrilla faction with him to N'Djamena. Those forces remained under his personal command.

The ceasefire prohibits civilians from carrying arms from one sector of the capital to another and the two factions are required to end all tribal and religious confrontations.

The accord stipulates that the continuity and function of the administration and public services must be guaranteed and each party is responsible for the normalization of daily life in the sector it controls.

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SLAIN ENVOY: Holding back the tears, Mary Anne Dubs, widow of slain U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs watches as her husband's body is carried to Washington being loaded into White House jet at Kabul airport on Saturday. Beside her is Bruce Amstutz, charge d'affaires at the U.S. embassy. — (AP photo)

Wave of bombings reported

Newspaper owner slain in Turkey

ANKARA, Feb. 20 (Agencies) — Gunmen in Istanbul shot dead the night-wing owner of a local newspaper, police said Tuesday.

Erdogan Hancerioglu, a former official of the extreme right-wing National Movement Party (NMP), was killed in his car Monday, they said.

Anonymous calls to Istanbul

PLO's Kaddoumi confers with Francois-Poncet

PARIS, Feb. 20 (R) — The head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, Farouk Kaddoumi, Monday night held talks with French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet at the Quai d'Orsay.

After their meeting, which lasted one hour 20 minutes, Kaddoumi said discussions centered on the Middle East situation, Lebanon and Iran.

The PLO leader firmly denied reports that Iran, since the overthrow of the Shah, had become a major logistical base for Palestinian operations.

newspapers said Hancerioglu had been condemned to death "for his fascist activities."

Meanwhile, the semi-official Anatolia agency reported Tuesday that unidentified gunmen opened fire at the apartment flat of an American official, attached to the southeast NATO headquarters in the Aegean Port City of Izmir Monday night. No one was hurt in the shooting, it said.

The agency said the car of another American official in Izmir was set on fire. Officials declined to release the identities of the Americans, Anatolia reported.

A wave of bombing has disrupted several Turkish cities in the past two nights.

According to Turkish press reports at least 21 explosions were reported from various provincial capitals Monday night and booby-trapped posters were put up on the walls in Istanbul.

Two policemen were injured in Istanbul when they attempted to take down the Marxist posters, papers said.

The bombing wave was believed to have been perpetrated by extreme leftist groups to honor a comrade. Ulas Bandakci, killed by security forces in a shootout seven years ago, on the anniversary of his death, official sources said.

Insurgents beat back Kabul raid

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Feb. 20 (R) — Exiled Afghans said Monday that government troops had tried to storm a guerrilla stronghold in eastern Afghanistan under cover of a flag of truce, but were beaten off with heavy casualties.

A dissident spokesman said guerrillas fighting to topple the pro-Communist government in Kabul captured 10 officers up to the rank of brigadier.

He said the army units approached the guerrillas apparently to begin negotiations to end fighting around the town of Kandahar in Kander province which rebel forces have held for several months despite repeated attacks. Guerrillas surrounded the troops, destroying six lorries and capturing 26, he said.

Heavy fighting was also reported north of Jalalabad, the country's second city.

A tribal leader said to have been paid by the government to fight the guerrillas was reported to have surrendered with 100 followers and dozens of weapons.

Government troops have been fighting for the past six months against guerrillas angered by the government's left-wing reforms.

Ziaur Rahman's party takes absolute majority

DACCA, Feb. 20 (R) — President Ziaur Rahman's Bangladesh National Party (BNP) won an absolute majority of 203 seats in the new 300-member parliament when the final results were announced Tuesday.

The most successful among the 30 opposition parties contesting the first general election since the 1975 coup, which brought Zia to power, was the Awami League (Majek) of former leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

It won 40 seats. Mjib himself was killed in the coup

but his pictures were prominently used in the league's campaigning.

The right-wing Muslim League-Islamic Democratic League alliance won 19 seats and independents 27. The rest went to minor parties.

All ministers in Zia's government were returned with big majorities.

"We have taken a definitive step for the return of democratic order," the "Bangladesh Times" said in an editorial Tuesday.

Israelis report two explosions

TEL AVIV, Feb. 20 (R) — Explosions occurred Tuesday morning in a Jerusalem suburb and a Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv. A young boy was treated for shock in Jerusalem but no other injuries were reported. The cause of the explosions was not known.

Khomeini plea for Bhutto denied

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 20 (AP) — Official sources here denied Monday that Ayatollah Khomeini had asked Pakistan President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq to grant clemency to deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, under sentence of death for ordering the murder of a political opponent in 1974.

New Jordanian C-in-C appointed

AMMAN, Feb. 20 (AP) — King Hussein appointed Gen. Abdul Hadi Majaji Monday as chief of staff of the Jordanian armed forces, replacing Gen. Muhammad Idris, in a limited shakeup of the military command. Hussein is the supreme commander.

U.S. envoy sees Butros on south

BEIRUT, Feb. 20 (R) — United States Ambassador John Gunther Dean and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros Monday discussed the situation in South Lebanon, where shelling was reported and United Nations Undersecretary Brian Urquhart's visit to Israel last week.

Turkey, U.S. to talk extradition

ANKARA, Feb. 20 (AP) — Turkey and the United States will start technical-level talks Tuesday toward a treaty of extradition and cooperation in criminal cases, the Foreign Ministry announced Monday.

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Carter defends SALT in major speech

ATLANTA, Feb. 20 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter offered his first broad defense of a U.S.-Soviet arms treaty Tuesday but warned the Kremlin that interference in Iran could jeopardize Russian relations with the United States. He declared that the nearly

completed pact is "a fundamental element of strategic and political stability in a turbulent world."

Delivering a major speech outlining his administration's foreign policy at the midpoint of his term, Carter also revealed that, as a result of the Chi-

nese invasion of Vietnam, the United States has "consulted directly with leaders around the world."

It is believed the contacts may have been with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping of China.

The president made his comments in a speech prepared for delivery at Georgia Institute of Technology, after he spoke to the Georgia State House and Senate and defended his anti-inflation program and "austere" budget proposal.

He said the nation must continue to meet the needs of the poor and elderly, but added "there is a clear limit on the ability of the American people to pay higher and higher taxes to finance new programs."

Speaking on the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, which has been under negotiation for more than six years by three administrations, he said agreement "has been reached on most of the major components of a sound and verifiable treaty."

Solar eclipse anticipated in North America

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Next Monday over North America a giant dragon will seize the sun in its colossal jaws and try to devour it in a mighty battle across the sky.

That, at least, is what the ancient Chinese thought was happening in an eclipse of the sun.

They banged gongs, shouted, shot off rockets and firecrackers to scare the beast away.

It worked. The dragon always released its hold on the orb.

Although there may not be a lot of gong clanging this time, the latest eclipse should attract some attention as sunlight fades and a subdued hue settles across the land.

The event takes an added significance because it is the last total eclipse visible in North America this century. It will be 2017 before the moon's shadow again totally blocks view of the sun from this continent.



ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS: A striking New Orleans policeman juggles for National Guardsmen called in after the strike was announced. There may be few other jugglers in New Orleans as Mardi Gras faces cancellation. (AP photo)

Mardi Gras threatened by New Orleans strike

NEW ORLEANS, La. Feb. 20 (AP) — The police strike forced cancellation of another bit of carnival Monday and Mayor Ernest Morial said the realistic outlook is that Mardi Gras itself will also be canceled.

The mayor made his announcement as federal mediators set up new negotiations between the city and the Teamster-affiliated Police Association of Louisiana led by President Vincent Bruno.

Morial said there had been little change in the deadlock. "It is therefore realistic to presume that unless circumstances change, the total cancellation of our Mardi Gras

festivities becomes a real possibility," he said.

Mardi Gras, a celebration that makes as a \$30 million industry, comes up on Feb. 27.

Carnival is the parties and parade before the big bash. Morial's announcement canceled the elaborate Krewe of Pegasus Parade scheduled for Tuesday night. Earlier, he canceled seven parades that normally would have rolled last weekend and Monday night.

A substitute force of National Guardsmen in army jeeps and state police cruisers is patrolling the city, but authorities say they lack the expertise needed to control carnival throngs.

Muzorewa accuses colleague's militia of 'hell and terror'

SALISBURY, Feb. 20 (AP) Bishop Abel Muzorewa Monday produced a seven-page document accusing one of his colleagues in the transitional government, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, of creating "hell and terror" through inter-party violence and intimidation.

The blast was the latest in increasing bitter and violent clashes among armed followers of the two leaders teamed with Prime Minister Ian Smith and tribal leader Jeremiah Chirau in the internal government.

Both Muzorewa and Sithole have formed what are known as "auxiliary forces" from among their supporters and former guerrillas, while Chirau has been demanding that these forces be banned or integrated into the regular army.

The violence among the internal factions has deepened the shadow over internal universal surface elections scheduled for April. Already external nationalist leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe have vowed to disrupt the poll, while the international community has offered little hope of recognition.

Muzorewa, under such headings as "attempted Murders," "Force at Gunpoint," "Kidnappings," "Damage to Property" and "Malicious Propaganda," launched a fiery attack on what he described as "hitlerite" activities by Sithole's followers.

The document listed more than a dozen incidents where, it claimed, Sithole's supporters manhandled and in some cases nearly killed blacks to force them to reject Muzorewa and support Sithole.

Muzorewa, who is regarded as the most popular of the internal leaders, said Sithole is using gun "nakedly and unabashedly in recruitment of

support." The bishop warned Sithole's organization that it might soon become impossible "to contain UANC's (Muzorewa's United African National Council) temper."

"It is not my intention to see ZANU (Sithole's Zimbabwe African National Union) crushed, but the UANC masses can easily crush ZANU if the present ZANU violent trend is not halted."

S. Africa unit sought influence over Gov. Brown

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 20 (AP) — The "Johannesburg Star" newspaper said Monday that among newly uncovered plans of the scandal-ridden Information Department was an effort to recruit contacts among associates of California Governor Jerry Brown.

The "Star" stressed that Brown, a Democratic presidential aspirant, was never even aware of the attempt.

It said that Eschel Rhoades, the former head of the now defunct department's vast propaganda slush fund, hoped to "reach and influence" men around Brown who might form the nucleus of his administration if he ever reached the presidency.

The disclosure most likely to set off a new storm in South Africa, however, was the "Star's" allegation that the late state President Nico Diederichs originally concocted the method of supplying money for the Information Department's vast overseas enterprises.

Over the months, there have been repeated rumors that both Diederichs and his successor as president, former Prime Minister John Vorster, were heavily involved in the entire information operation that has dominated headlines here for nine months.

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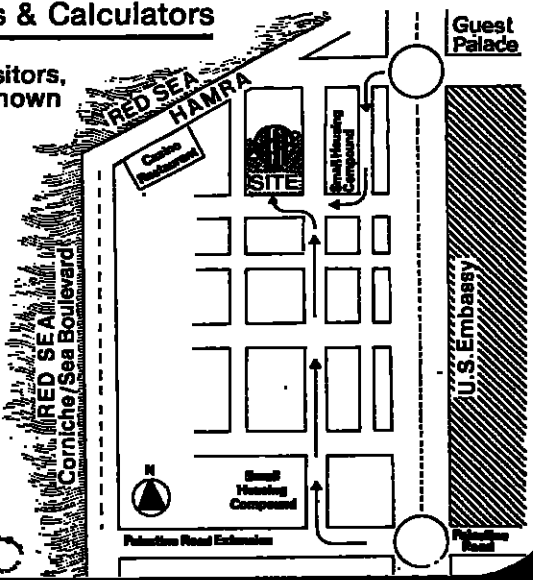
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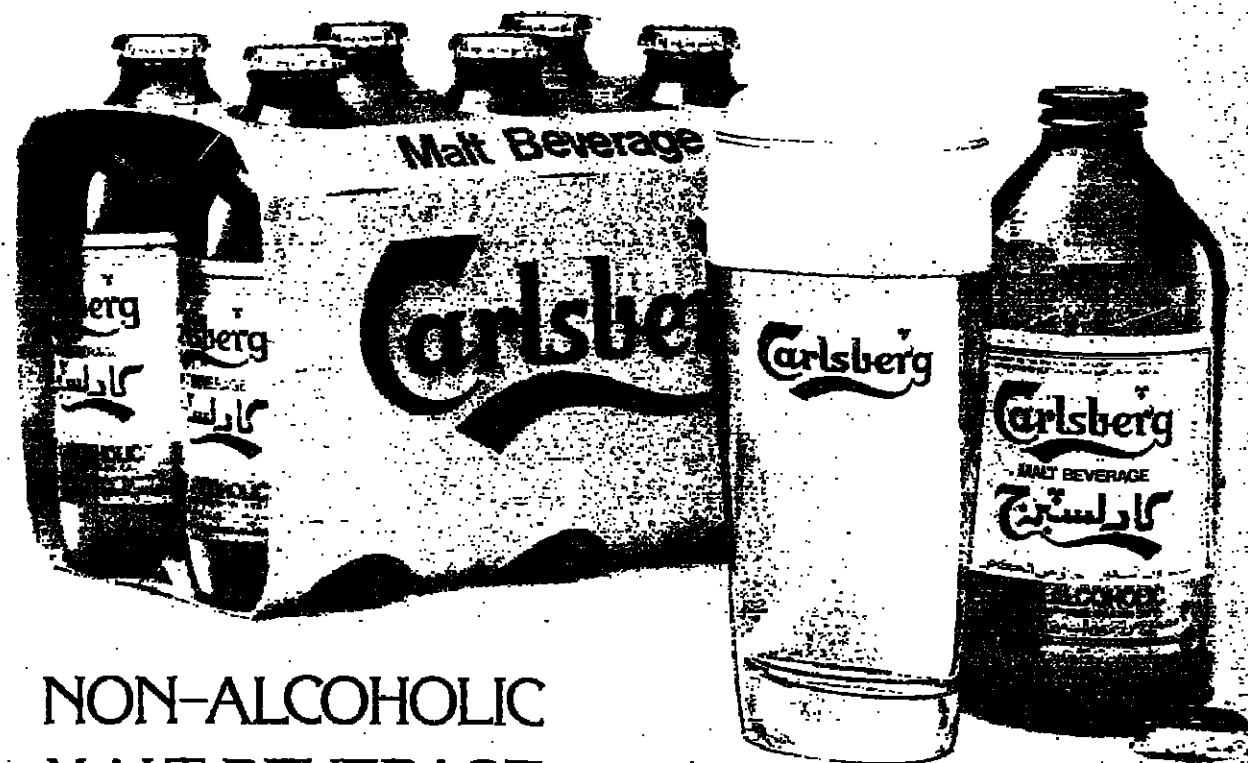
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Boy wonder can profit from his discontent

By Lou Canessa
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20 — Little over a year ago he was Stevie Wonder, the 16-year-old Cinderella kid of racing. Fresh from taking New York by storm, winning three Eclipse awards and setting an all-time record for purse earnings, he had come to California to seek the good life and the laurels that went with it.

Now, at 8, Steve Cautchen is the snake-bitten ex-wonder of Santa Anita. The laurels have turned into headlock.

Two weeks ago, after losing 110 straight races at this tough, Southern California track, Cautchen rode 5-2 shot Father Duffy to a muddy victory.

Cautchen has changed agents, tentatively rejected interviews, decided one day to abandon Los Angeles for New York and two days later to stay there. He seems confused. The

boos of the crowd ring in his ears.

Improved

But in this winter of Cautchen's discontent, the prevailing view on the Santa Anita backstretch is that he is as good as he ever was and may be even an improved jockey. When Cautchen was the toast of the nation, he was not yet a finished rider, a contention supported by the number of stretch drives Cautchen lost to top rider Darrel McHargue of the veteran Bill Shoemaker, the all-time leading jockey.

He was built up so high he just had to come down.

And Cautchen has landed with a thud. He started to slump, almost unnoticed, late last summer in New York. By autumn he had dropped to the bottom of the Top 10 jockey standings.

Arriving in California for the start of the Santa Anita meeting the day after Christmas, Cautchen had only four

wins in the first week, two on New Year's Day. Bettors began to grumble when one favorite finished out of the money. The grumble became a chorus after heavily favored Affirmed was beaten in the Malibu Stakes on Jan. 7.

Two weeks ago, Barrera pulled Cautchen off Affirmed, the horse he rode to the Crown last year. The decision, Barrera said, was "one of my hardest" and many at Santa Anita thought Cautchen was not to blame for Affirmed's poor showing. They say that Affirmed is just not dominating horses as a four-year-old as he did at three.

There are two generally accepted reasons for the decline in Cautchen's dominance.

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The first, and most important, is five months he simply has not been getting them. Even the best rider cannot win on an inferior horse.

Before he returned to New

York last month, Cautchen's former agent Lenny Goodman readily acknowledged that he had failed to come up with top mounts for his one-time boy wonder.

But Cautchen hasn't done well even aboard favorites. On 11 favored horses up to Jan. 26 he won only one and placed twice. Favorites usually win slightly more than one-third of the races at Santa Anita.

On that day, Cautchen changed agents for the second time in a week. Cautchen named Henry Hask to handle his book, two days after Chic McClellan had replaced Goodman.

The main reason Cautchen has not been winning, and one reason he has not gotten good mounts, is the big-league jockeys at Santa Anita. Top trainers like Gary Jones call Cautchen a great race rider but point out he is competing with the best jockeys in the country — McHargue, Shoemaker, Pincay, former national champion Chris McCarron from Maryland and Angel Cordero from New York.

Problems

Cordero also had his problems when he came here from



DEJECTED: A dejected Steve Cautchen after another defeat in the mud of Santa Anita.

New York, and the great Eddie Arcaro once had a California losing streak of 56 horses at a time he was the nation's top rider.

To say that Cautchen is taking his decline in stride would be an exaggeration. His close friend McCarron believes that Cautchen may be trying too hard, pressing. Cautchen has become ultrasensitive to the shouts of derision which now accompany him back to the tack room.

Nonetheless, Cautchen has convinced his fellow jockeys

that he has the doggedness and the maturity to overcome his problems. They say Cautchen proved this when he refused to follow Goodman back to New York and retreat from what he considers the toughest racing competition, in favor of easier pickings elsewhere.

None of his peers at Santa Anita doubts Cautchen is a great rider.

Before the year is out, the jockeys say, they may even be calling him Stevie Wonder again. (WP)

Coney 69 enlivens placid Test day

NARBIE, New Zealand, Feb. 20 (R) — A spirited 69 by all-rounder Jeremy Coney edged New Zealand toward a 42-run first innings lead on the fourth day of the second Test against Pakistan here Tuesday.

At the close of another damp day Pakistan was 24 without loss in its second innings with the match heading toward an inevitable stalemate.

Pakistan, 1-0 up, was unworried by the leisurely pace, needing only a draw to prevent any chance of defeat in the three-Test series.

New Zealand began the day at 298 for five, still trailing by 62 runs. Spinner Stephen Bocco was quickly removed by the pace of Imran Khan but Coney kept the innings together.

Imran, Sarfraz Nawaz and Sikander Bakht all struggled to extract life from the placid pitch, and it was left to skipper Muhammad Aslam to wrap up the New Zealand innings when he removed Lane.



CONEY: The New Zealand all-rounder, who edged his side into a 42-run lead Tuesday, is caught at silly mid-off off Wasim Raja after batting two hours in the first Test. Keeper Wasim Bari and helmeted Javed Miandad appeal excitedly.

U.K. soccer dreams of summer evenings

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP) — English soccer officials are fed up with ice and snow stopping their sport. They are talking of rearranging their season and playing in the summer instead of the winter.

"Obviously there would be practical difficulties," said Ted Croker, secretary of the English Football Association (FA). "But we can't go on ignoring the present situation."

English clubs have an unprecedented pile-up of fixtures as a result of foul weather that has gone on almost without break since just after Christmas.

The draw for the sixth round of the F.A. Cup was scheduled for last Monday, but was delayed because not a single fifth round match had been played and even the fourth round was far from complete. Most teams have to make up a backlog of four and five League games.

One plan is to run the English season from March to November instead of August to April.

Ernie Clay, chairman of Second Division Fulham, is strongly backing the idea.

"Football is our national sport, yet we put it on at a time of the year when people don't want to come and see it," Clay said. "Most people have central heating in their homes these days and they are not going to sit outside and freeze. Through the summer, spectators can sit in their armchairs in the evenings and enjoy it."

The English League is supposed to finish April 28 but is likely to be prolonged through May. League officials have said teams must be prepared to break with tradition and play May 12, the day of the Cup final at Wembley.

Meanwhile Gordon Lee, manager of Everton, is still arguing about last Saturday's game at Southampton, where his team lost 0-3 on a frozen, rock-hard field and suffered a

severe setback in its hopes of winning the championship.

"The game should never have been played," Lee said angrily. "I would rather lose the title and have a fit squad than win it and have some poor kid with a ruined career. Someone could have been killed out there."

Critics accused Lee of throwing away the game — and possibly the League title — by telling his players they were going on to the field and risking their careers. They played without spirit and did not adapt to the conditions nearly as well as Southampton.

Liverpool leads the standings with 37 points from 23 games and looks a strong favorite to win the title for the third time in four years. Arsenal and Everton share second place, both with 36 points from 26 games.

West Bromwich, with 34 points from 23 matches, has been continuously out of action recently because of the weather but is still well placed to challenge Liverpool.

West Bromwich is at home to Leeds Saturday and has a chance to make up lost ground, because Liverpool has a difficult away game at Derby.

Arsenal, at home to Wolverhampton, and Everton, at home to Ipswich, will be expected to win.

Dutch skipper out
ZEIST, Holland, Feb. 20 (R) — Rudi Krol Monday withdrew from Holland's squad for the friendly soccer international against Italy in Milan Saturday because of injury.

Results

LONDON, Feb. 20 (R) — Results of Monday night's soccer matches were:

English Division Three
Tranmere 1 Sheffield Wed. 1 (postponed from Dec. 30)
Scottish Cup third round
Dumbarton 1 Alloa 0
Morton 1 St. Johnstone 1
Stirling A. 0 Partick 2
All other Monday matches postponed.

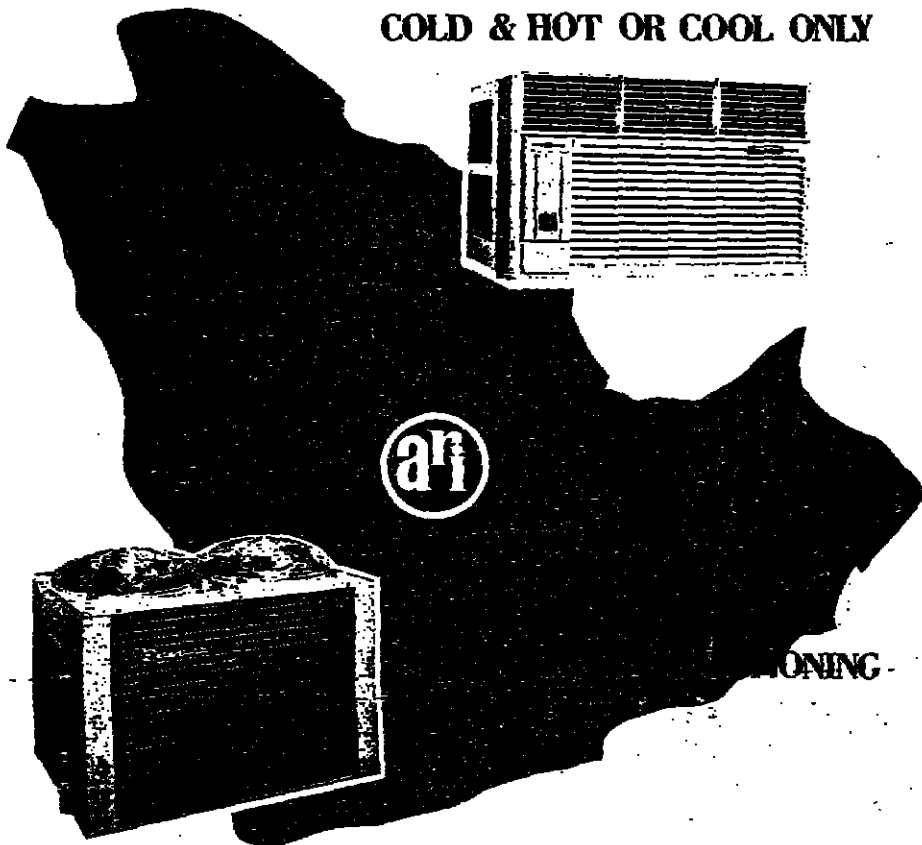
Ali in Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 20 (R) — World heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali arrived here Tuesday to promote an exhibition fight against Britain's Joe Bugner next month.

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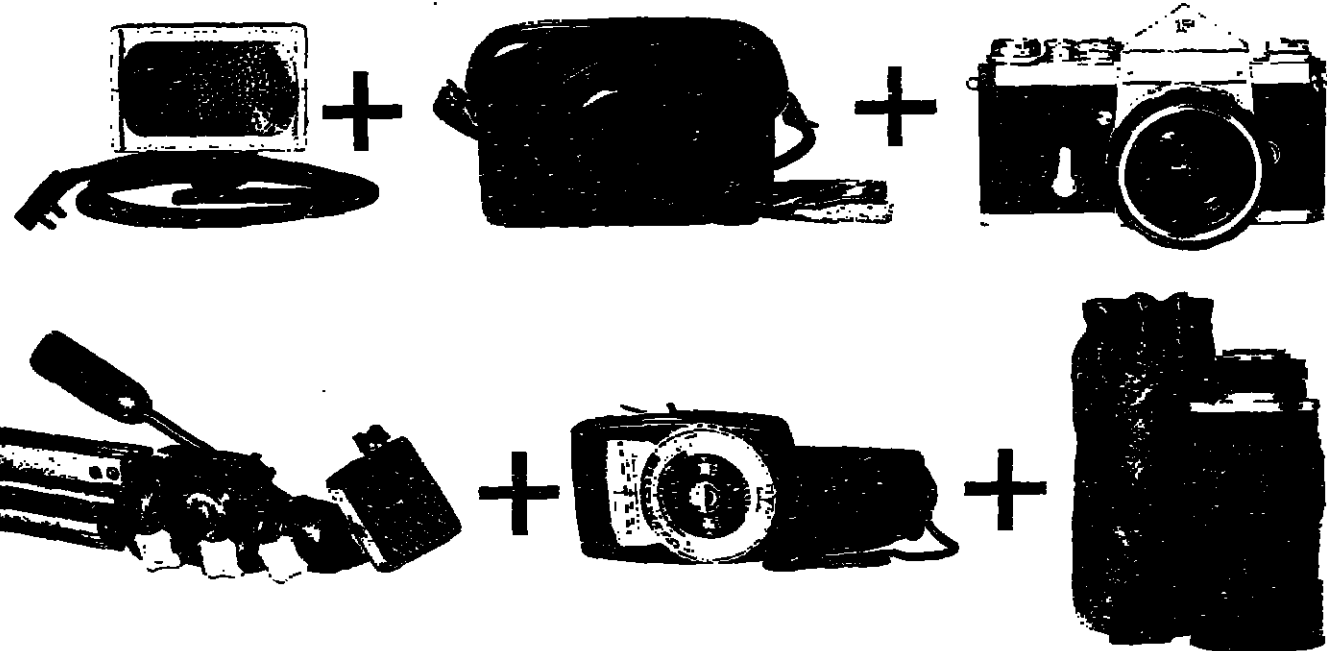
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MUTUAL SUPPORT

In the predictable euphoria of his triumphant visit to Iran, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said that the Iranian revolution has changed the balance of forces in the region in favor of the Palestinians and the Arabs.

While this may be a little premature, at least at this stage, it is true that the Iranian revolution has given the Palestinians good grounds for optimism. That's especially in the wake of the demoralizing effect of the Camp David agreements which as good as ignored them as a principal party in the Middle East problem.

The fact is that Iran, with its 33 million Muslims, had been almost totally pro-Israeli in action while paying lip service to the Arab and Palestinian cause.

The Shah's government supplied Israel with 60 per cent of its oil requirements, permitted the free flow of trade and the operation of a trade mission mainly used for espionage and as a listening post against Iraq.

The Israelis in Tehran also helped ferry arms to the Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, thereby assisting in weakening a major Arab power and a staunch supporter of the Palestinians.

The objective was to pin down as many Iraqi battalions in the quagmire of the north as possible so that they may not be used to strengthen the eastern Arab front against Israel. God knows how many Iraqis and Kurds lost their lives in a futile war and how much precious Iraqi wealth was wasted.

But as soon as the Shah realized that the Iraqi people would never give in, and the majority of Kurds were not supporters of Mustafa Barazani, the rebel leader, he sued for peace and the rebellion was snuffed out overnight.

All this, we hope, is gone for ever. The Palestinians are now installed in the old Israeli trade mission in a nice irony of fate. Going a step further in terminating the old relation, ships with Israel, the new government of Iran has asked all Israeli citizens, many of whom carried 'two nationalities' to leave the country. One reason is that they would more allegiance to Israel than to Iran which they used to make money and collect intelligence for Tel Aviv.

Ayatollah Khomeini is unquestionably a devout Muslim and will bring to the struggle for the liberation of Jerusalem all the power and resources of the Iranian people who have proved themselves some of the most stubborn fighters for a cause. Indeed, their saga of struggle and sacrifice should inspire the Palestinians to double their efforts in the resistance to the Israeli colonial regime.

For the Palestinians who had supported the Iranian revolution in their own modest way, in the last few years, the turn of events in Iran was by any standard an undiminished victory. Even if their goal of liberation is still far away, they are now a step nearer its realization.

The Arab states who have been seeking a just and comprehensive peace in the region, have gained in Iran a powerful new friend both in their pursuit of peace and the conduct of war.

ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

The tasks facing the 26th session of the Arab Economic Council due to be held in Riyadh next Monday are formidable but they must be faced.

The conference brings together the economy ministers of the 22 member states of the Arab League and directors of 14 Arab joint venture corporations.

Leaving the agenda aside, the task is simply to start the long-awaited process of creating an Arab common market by demolishing some or all of the customs barriers now imposed on inter-Arab trade, encourage the free exchange of goods and create the right atmosphere for inter-Arab investment.

Admittedly, the question of investments will continue to be vexing because of the differences in political systems. This led in the early 1960s to sweeping nationalization without adequate compensation in some states fascinated by the theories of socialism.

It took them ten years to realize the folly of such ideologies, and a lot of excess Arab capital meanwhile found other outlets.

While it is true that it will not be easy to channel investments on a large scale to the poorer states, the richer ones somewhat have made up for the dearth by outright grants and long-term interest-free loans for development.

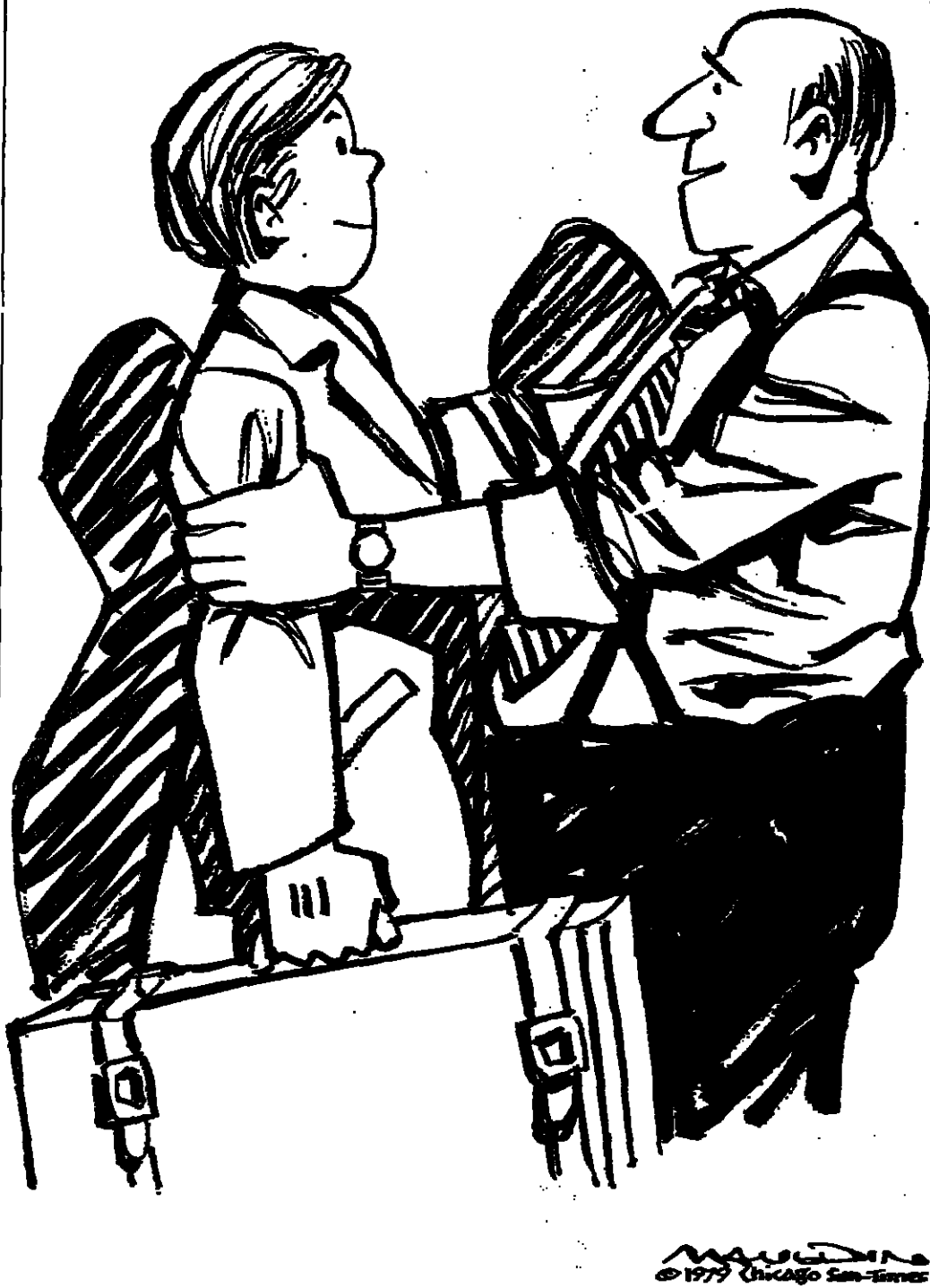
More can be done in this direction through joint ventures in food producing projects. That is one of the most important items being tabled before the conference, in order to reduce Arab dependence on external sources of food.

Apart from fears of political blackmail, there is one very good reason for intensifying food production in the Arab world. That is the enormous potential for doing so successfully and at relatively little cost when compared with our food bill.

Setting up industries to make insecticides and textile machines as proposed on the agenda is worthy. But how much of the former and how many of the latter will the Arabs need? Can the surplus machines and insecticides be exported later in the face of Western and Eastern competition?

Arab scientists and planners give special priority to food production through expanding the arable lands of Sudan, Egypt and North Yemen and developing the grazing grounds of countries like Somalia.

We agree. Food production should be given more attention than insecticides and textile machines.



War on Rhodesia's peasants

By Caryle Murphy
SALISBURY —

Rhodesia's 4.5 million peasants are bearing the brunt of Rhodesia's war, now spread over at least 80 per cent of the country.

In some places, the rural tribesmen are intimidated, harassed, mistreated and killed by as many as five separate armed forces. Besides the guerrilla armies of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, private armies loyal to one of the two internally based black leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, are vying for the support of the black population.

In addition, as martial law has been extended to about 80 per cent of the country since its introduction in September, the Rhodesian security forces reportedly are subjecting the rural chieftains to increasingly rigorous retaliatory measures in their efforts to turn back the tide of guerrilla infiltration.

Because of the chaotic conditions, it is difficult to assess what is happening in the tribal reserves, where 80 per cent of the population lives. According to relief agencies and church sources who operate in those areas, government forces appear to be adopting a scorched earth policy to deprive the guerrillas of the material and psychological assistance of the local people.

The homes of more than 700 families have been burned, beatings and arbitrary executions of suspected guerrilla sympathizers are more frequent and the numbers of civil

ians reported in military communications to have died in cross-fire has increased, according to the same sources.

In isolated cases, civilians are reportedly forced to brush dirt roads with branches to detect landmines and in one gruesome incident, the bodies of two guerrillas killed by security forces were hung in trees over water wells for weeks as a warning to others.

"It's collective punishment now," remarked one member of a relief organization. "In what appears to be an attempt to deny guerrillas food, shops have been closed and granaries are destroyed. Buses are stopped and passengers told to eat or dispose of the food they are carrying wherever a guerrilla presence is suspected."

A Red Cross spokesman confirmed that, in the areas of Mtoko and Muzli, authorities asked the international agency to stop distributing food to the civilian population for the time being. This followed a report on the state-controlled television late last year saying a Red Cross food parcel had been found on a dead guerrilla.

The Rhodesia Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, distressed by the army's apparent effort to starve out the guerrillas, emphasized in a statement that the food situation will become critical in five or seven weeks time, when the last crop is exhausted.

Military authorities counter that martial law — even with its alleged abuses — is necessary to eliminate atrocities by the guerrillas. Military communications often relate stories of lips being cut off, people buried alive and pregnant women burned in huts by guerrillas who suspect civilians of collaboration with the white dominated racial government that the guerrillas are trying to bring down.

Military sources also say martial law has assisted their war effort and, in some areas, has even permitted the reopening of schools. Because of the delicate situation in these areas, though, journalists have not been able to verify them.

In the opinion of military observers, martial law checked the war, now in its seventh year. While it has decreased the effectiveness of the guerrillas, it has not stanchied the influx of insurgents, especially those from Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army in neighboring Mozambique, they said.

There is evidence that those forces are crossing the border in larger groups of up to 40 and have begun to train new recruits inside Rhodesia rather than in Mozambique. Both developments seem to attest to the wider mobility and freedom of the guerrillas inside Rhodesia despite the proclamation of martial law.

Military observers predict that infiltration will continue and increase before the country's first universal suffrage elections, scheduled for April 20. The guerrillas have pledged to disrupt the polling. — (WP)

saudi press review

"Al-Jazirah" editorial was devoted to dangers of Communist infiltration in the region warning that it was a planned strategy by those wanting to penetrate and eventually control the states of the area.

The strategy includes sowing dissension, creating tension and even inciting neighboring states to fight each other. The paper cited the example of the Horn of Africa two years ago with the war between Marxist Ethiopia and the Eritreans on the one hand and Ethiopia and the Somali rebels in the western region on the other. Now they are trying to do the same thing in Iran, the paper said, using some of their old tactics, bargaining for a place in the government and at the same time working to control and manipulate the labor unions in order to sabotage the government plans to restore full scale production.

The Iranian Communists, according to the paper, will go on their set course of action to keep the situation in the country in a state of turmoil until there is a confrontation with the government. Fortunately, the government has recognized the dangers that lie in such Communist strategy and threatened to annihilate all those who oppose the Islamic principles of the state. The other states of the region would equally beware of the Communist dangers that threaten their existence.

A writer in "Al-Jazirah" drew attention to the phenomenon of the large number of unemployed people who assemble in downtown Riyadh every morning in search of jobs. Their papers are all right as they have legal residence and work permits. He said that they are imported by local businessmen in huge numbers and then released — by special arrangements — to work else

where because their original employer is unable to find jobs for them as this was not the real reason for bringing them here in the first place. The writer said these people can be dangerous, and unemployed foreigners are even more so. He urged the authorities to punish businessmen who abuse the privileges derived from their commercial registration for selfish purposes regardless of national interests.

The forthcoming meeting in Riyadh of the Arab ministers of economy and finance is important in that its objective is to change the Arab world from an importer to a producer of foodstuffs. "We have enormous potentialities and resources if we can only tap them properly," "Olxaz" said. "We have to coordinate our industrial and agricultural production that we may dispense with importing a great amount of imports in the future. We ought to view the

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Iran's bank loans

By James L. Rowe Jr.

NEW YORK — Major banking industry officials believe there is little possibility the new Khomeini government in Iran will refuse to repay its foreign loans.

Bankers are concerned the change in regimes may force delays in repayment of the \$2.2 billion Iran has borrowed from U.S. banks and the \$3 billion to \$4 billion more it has been loaned by other foreign banks.

But so far, despite months of political turmoil, Iran has remained up-to-date on its repayments, according to Citibank executive vice president Thomas Theobald.

Analysts say Citibank and Chase Manhattan, the second and third largest banks respectively in the United States, each has loaned Iran more than \$200 million, most of it since 1976 when the country began borrowing from international credit markets.

Some important aides to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini have said the new government might refuse to repay some Western loans.

Bankers say they think most of the debt-repudiation talk has been rhetoric and note that many advisers to Khomeini have said publicly such talk is nonsense.

While Islamic law prohibits payment of interest, and Khomeini says he wants to install an Islamic republic, analysts note that other Islamic countries have been able to reconcile interest and the law. "Let's face it," one major

banker said, "Iran is part of the global system. If it repudiated its debts it would lose its access to the world banking system and starve its economy of needed development funds."

It was that sort of realization that forced Zaire several years ago "to change its tune" about refusing to pay Western debts. Zaire, however, like several others since, has had to "reschedule" its debt with big banks. That is bankers' parlance for changing the terms of a loan, usually by stretching out the repayment period.

Delay in repayments or rescheduling of debts, however, do cost banks money and hurt their earnings. But even a total repudiation of the \$200 million or so that Iran owes Citibank, for example, would be less than that institution's \$481.6 million in earnings last year.

Chase, whose earnings were \$197 million, would be harder hit by a total repudiation. But all banks carry reserves.

Clearly, however, in the unlikely event that Iran did refuse to repay most or all of its foreign debts, world financial institutions would be hurt.

But there has been no panic among bankers. Chase, agent for three large, multi-bank loans to Iran, has polled the lenders to see if they want to call in the loans. In all three cases, the participating banks have said no.

According to a rough estimate by a New York firm that specializes in bank stocks, another five U.S. banks have loaned Iran between \$100 million and \$200 million. Keefe,

Bruyette and Woods said those banks are Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., and Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; First National of Chicago and Bank of America in San Francisco.

Most loans to Iran are for development and have been made to government or quasi-government bodies for development purposes, bankers say. "We think they'll (the Khomeini regime) look at the portfolio of loans...and see them as beneficial to the country," according to Hamilton Meserve, a Citibank vice president.

New York bankers say Iranian deposits in foreign banks, here and abroad, have been shrinking in recent months, but say there is no evidence Iran has been cleaning out its deposits to avoid having them seized for non-payment of loans.

"I'd guess they're shrinking because Iran is using the funds to service its debts," according to one banker.

Officials at several major banks say Iran has been more meticulous than usual in keeping its creditors informed of developments. The Iranian Central Bank, Markazi, has faced strikes like most other government institutions during the last several months.

"We're getting cables saying that payments will be two or three days late. We don't even get concerned if they're going to be a few days late," one official said. "Somebody over there is going out of his way to make sure Iran's credit rating isn't tarnished." — (WP)

Torture as a crime

By Iain Goss

GENEVA — The U.N. High Commission for Refugees, struggling to increase its credibility, will shortly be considering the draft of a convention that would make torture an international crime.

Observers and U.N. officials in Geneva who have long pushed for such a convention have watched intrigued as a group of government representatives have worked on a draft prepared by Sweden over the last few days.

The drafting began after a declaration against torture was unanimously adopted in the U.N. three years ago. It has been exacting, legalistic and beset with difficulties — not just of defining torture, but ensuring that the convention has teeth.

In 1973, a report by Amnesty International cited 67 countries where torture was reported. Since then the wave has rolled back from some — Greece, Spain, Iran and Portugal's former African territories — but gathered momentum in others, particularly in Latin America where Uruguay and Argentina have been joined by El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Torture in these countries is characterized by what one member of the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists describes as "institutionalized brutality by state officials," such as prison officers, police and military.

Their techniques have been closely documented by organizations like Amnesty and the ICI: submarine (dunking under water), parrot's perch (being

hung by elbows and knees) and electric shocks. The latest ICJ review shows that torture is practiced with a dedication that is certainly not applied in providing basic essentials to an impoverished population: Officials at one prison show a particular predilection for cutting off prisoners' circulation with metal fetters around the wrists and planks of wood against the legs and ankles.

"Torture has become scientific, systematic and state controlled," agrees Alexander Hay, director of the International Committee of the Red Cross. I could understand it better if it was violent and angry." Hay has confronted several dictators with torture in their jails.

The target of the convention is thus state officials — and not just those who practice torture, but those who encourage or condone it to extract information or false confessions or for intimidation.

The working group has so far defined torture as "severe physical and mental suffering," but not as "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment," as it was instructed by the U.N. General Assembly.

Several members had argued that this would be too vague and imprecise.

Others however have replied that including the broader category would make it easier to get convictions in borderline cases — like for example, psychiatric detention. Other international instruments recognize a lesser crime than torture — notably the European Convention on Human Rights. Last year Britain was found guilty

made at a time of continued flux in Iran and the region in general. David Owen, it may be recalled, said any solution would be impossible without taking into consideration the Palestinian issue. These statements were made six months

after the failed Camp David accords and another one being held now. The paper called on the United States to bring pressure to bear on Israel to recognize the rights of the Palestinians and to quit the occupied lands including Jerusalem.

But the Swedish sponsors of the convention worry that such a watchdog would dissuade countries from ratifying — even though the Red Cross is frequently criticized for keeping its reports private. So the proposal has been tacked on to the end of the convention in the form of an optional protocol. — (G)

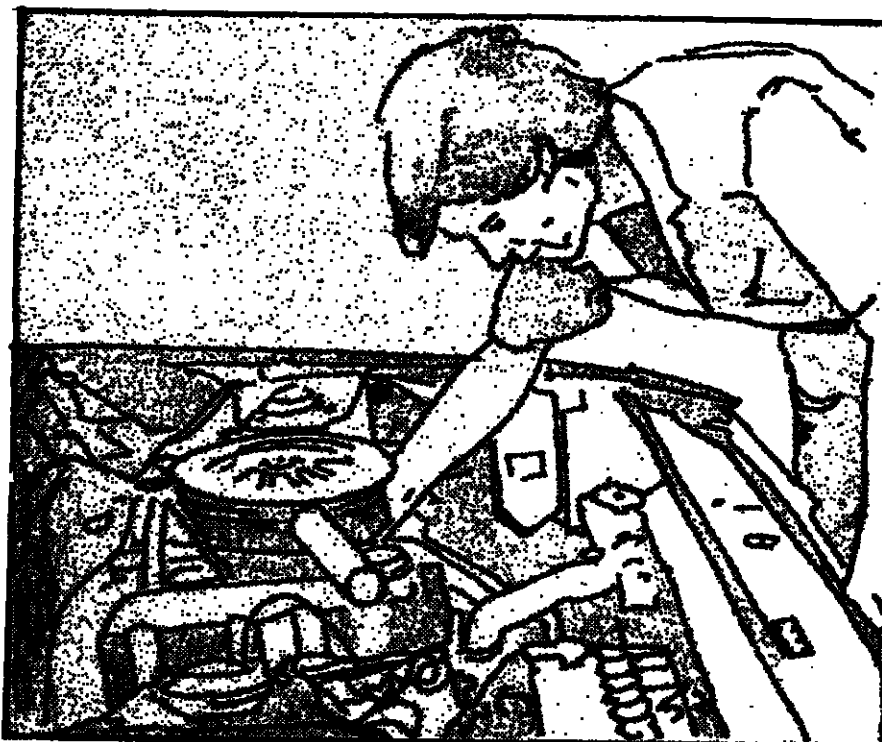


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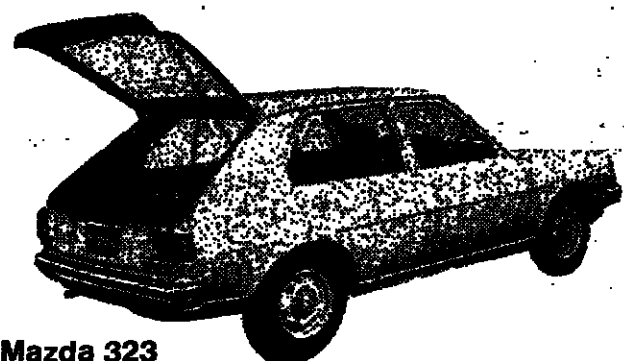
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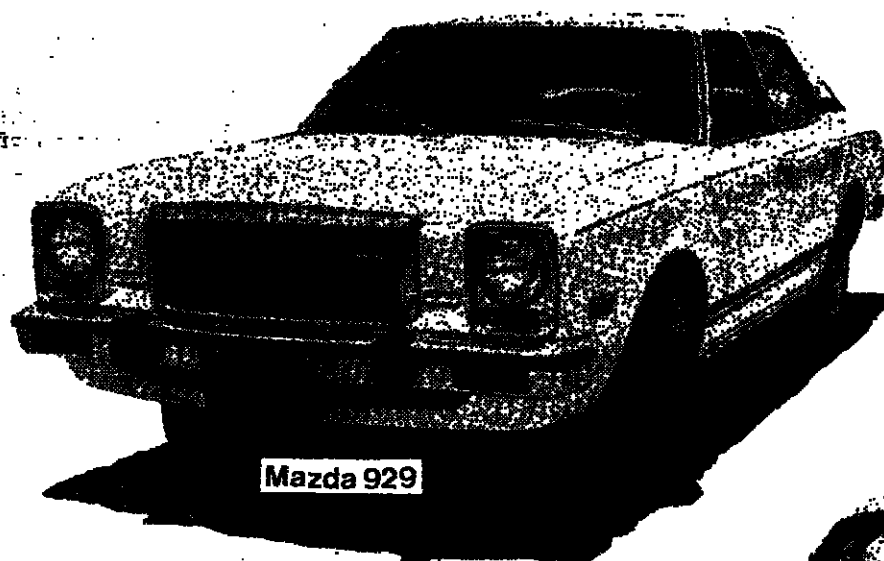
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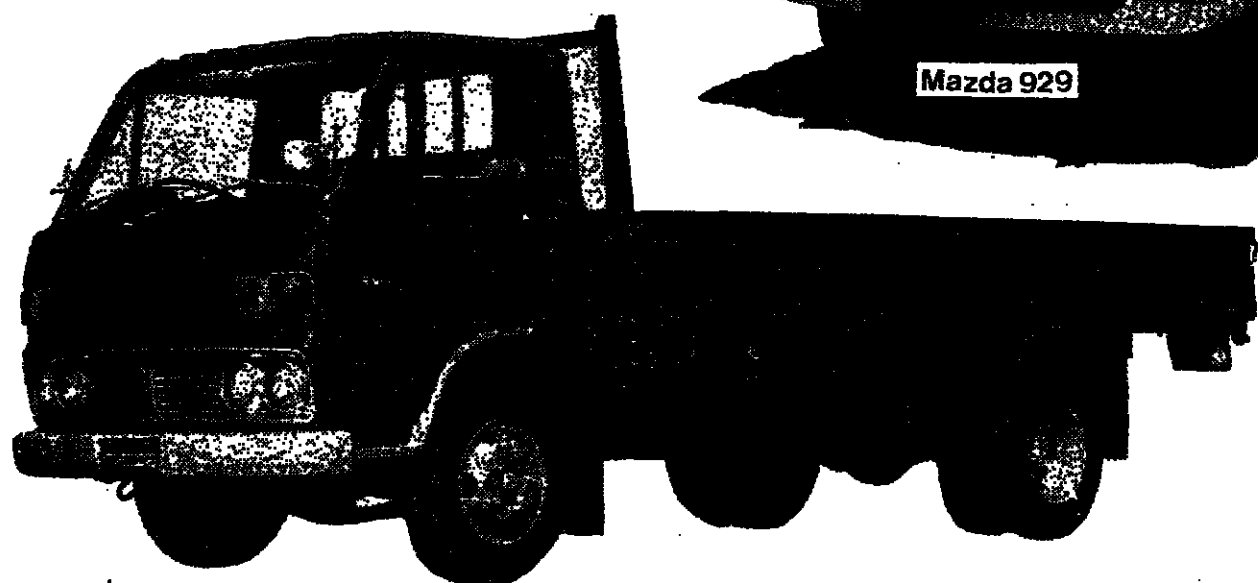
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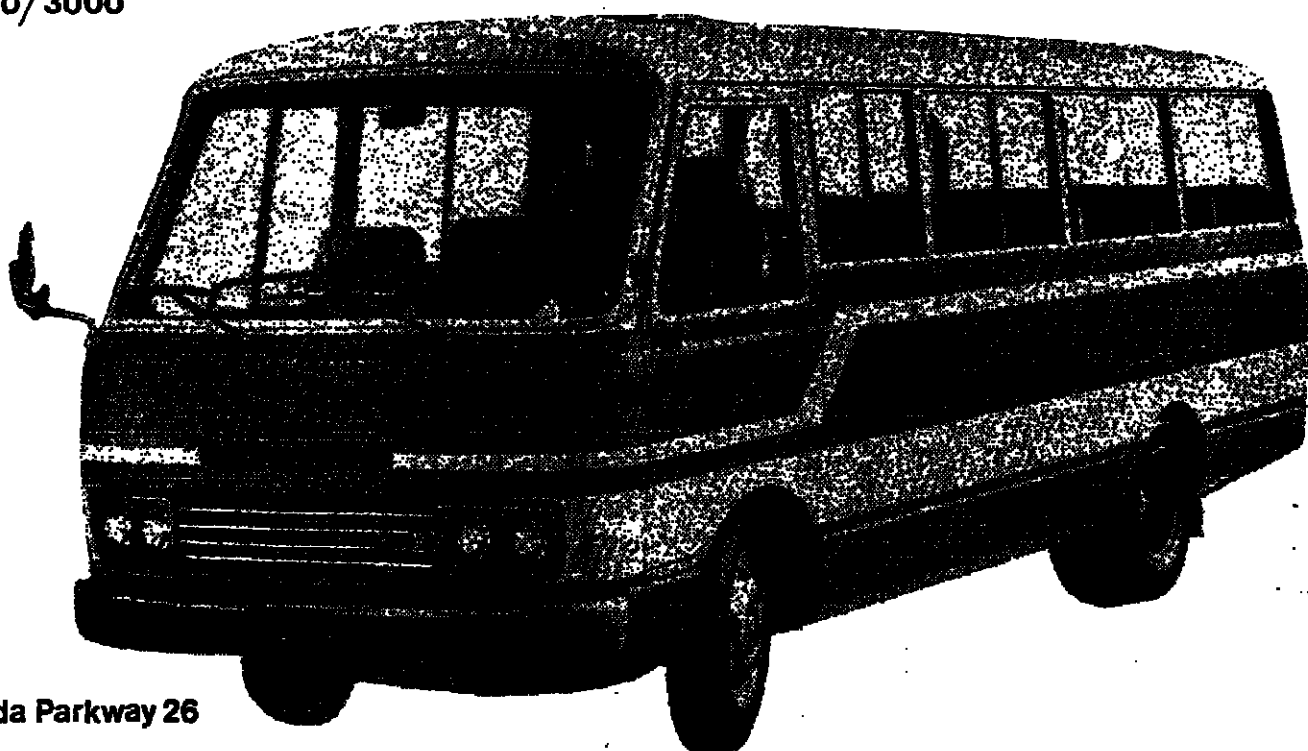
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Kuwaiti oil minister tours in advance of OPEC meet

KUWAIT, Feb. 20 (R) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ali bin Khalifa Al-Sabah returned Monday from Baghdad where he held talks on the world oil situation, after the turmoil in Iran, apparently anticipating the March 26 OPEC special meeting.

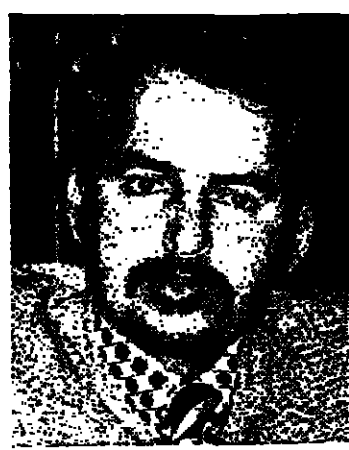
Sheikh Ali, accompanied by Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta, toured the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Iraq, OPEC members, for urgent consultations.

The consultative meeting of envoys from oil producing countries was announced Monday by OPEC President and United Arab Emirates Petroleum Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba.

OPEC headquarters in Vienna could not immediately confirm that a meeting had been arranged, but it was expected to take place in view of the fact that the announcement came from Oteiba.

No other meeting of OPEC ministers is scheduled before June.

Oteiba did not mention the price of oil as one of the topics to be discussed, but industry sources believed that it would be on the agenda.



Mana Said Al-Oteiba

Crude oil prices have been rising since the shut down of exports from Iran because of strikes by oil workers who joined the campaign against the Shah.

Iran's pre-strike exports of five million barrels of oil a day made it the world's second biggest supplier after Saudi Arabia.

Industry sources said the whole OPEC price structure could fall apart unless Iranian exports resumed. Iranian Premier Mehdi Bazargan was reported at the weekend to have

said that sales abroad would start again soon.

Oteiba, in his announcement, said the OPEC ministers would discuss the situation in the oil industry and the behavior of the oil companies in meeting the world's needs during the Iranian crisis.

He said last week that some companies were exploiting the situation and reaping massive profits.

Oteiba appeared concerned that some companies might have taken advantage of Third World states and also that any extra profits properly belonged to the producer countries.

Because of the extra demand, some producers are already charging at least \$1 a barrel more for quality and extra oil produced.

OPEC agreed in December that oil prices should rise by an eventual 14.5 per cent during 1979.

Abu Dhabi and Qatar last week added \$1 a barrel to the price of quality crude.

It was not known if all 13 OPEC countries would be at the special Geneva meeting.

An emergency session had been called for by Venezuelan Oil Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta.



LONDON: Sheikh Abdul Aziz Dukkheil, assistant deputy minister of finance for economic research, at last July's special OPEC committee called to discuss the implications of the decline in the value of the dollar. Monday OPEC President and UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba announced that a special meeting would be held in Geneva March 26 to discuss the effects of the cessation of Iranian oil exports.

Dollar rises in Tokyo to highest in two weeks

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Agencies) — The Bank of Japan sold an estimated \$60 million on the Tokyo foreign exchange market Tuesday when the American currency rose to its highest level in two weeks.

Dealers said the central bank intervened when the rate touched 201 yen, slightly over the opening level of 200.70. It closed at 201.20.

The Sino-Vietnamese border fighting had no impact on the market and the dollar rose on buying by Japanese banks to meet clients' import needs.

The dollar made fractional gains on most world money markets Monday.

Meany trains guns on Carter for inflation, Iran oil policies

BAL HARBOR, Fla. Feb. 20 (R) — President Carter's economic and foreign policies Monday came under fire from the United States' main labor union body.

The executive board of American Federation of Labor —

Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) is holding its annual winter meeting here and its president, George Meany, has often been at odds with the Carter administration.

A statement issued by board

said Carter's anti-inflation program would not succeed, and increases in the federal budget would lead to a renewed risk of recession.

Meany at a press conference also hit out at Carter's attitude towards events in Iran.

He said the administration had been too quick to recognize the new government set up by Ayatollah Khomeini, and should instead have adopted a "wait and see" attitude.

Meany proposed that the U.S. should try to base its future on oil supplies other than those from Iran.

Cocoa production down, latest estimate predicts

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP) — World cocoa production for 1978-79 was forecast Tuesday by London cocoa merchants G&L Duffus at 1,425,000 metric tons.

The company said that is 66,000 metric tons less than its revised estimate for the previous season, 1,491,000 metric tons.

World cocoa consumption for 1979 is forecast to total 1,379,000 metric tons, 12,000 tons more than the revised estimate for 1978.

The gross surplus between production and consumption now is estimated at 46,000 metric tons.

"The only significant new factor since the beginning of December (when G. and D. issued its last report) has been the promising development of the Bahia Tempera crop (in Brazil)," the brokers said.

G&L Duffus revised estimate of the carryover from

Argentina issues biggest banknote

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 20 (R) — Banknotes worth 50,000 pesos (\$46) — five times the existing biggest denomination — have come into circulation in Argentina, which has the highest rate of inflation in the world.

The cost of living rose by 169.8 per cent last year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES			
Opening Tuesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.74	6.70	6.78
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	182.00
Swiss F	2.01 (100)	203.00	202.00
French F	0.78 (100)	79.25	79.00
Italian Lira (100)	0.40 (1000)	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.00	105.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.50	84.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.29
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.33
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	84.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,000	—
10 Tola bar	—	3,150	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Department of Water and Drainage, Eastern Province	Spare parts for GMC trucks	11K-97/98	100	Mar. 24
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Illumination of Al-Silim village under Raniah municipality	—	1000	Mar. 24
" " "	Illumination of King Abdul Aziz street in Umuluj	—	1000	Mar. 25
" " "	Supply of heavy equipment and vehicles for the municipalities of the Western Province	—	500	Mar. 26
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads in Baha	—	200	Mar. 27
" " "	Implementation of a water network in Umuluj	—	200	Mar. 28
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of the streets of Qalwah	—	200	Mar. 31
" " "	Temporary asphaltting of the streets of Bajirah	—	200	Mar. 31

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CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 23.3.1399/20.2.1979 TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels	Name of Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
1	CHARITY	ORRI	SUGAR IN BAGS	18/2/1979
2	LONDON BARON	GLOBE	GENERAL STEEL	16/2/1979
3	SABAH TRADERS	ORRI	GENERAL STEEL	16/2/1979
4	TAINING	S.E.A.	GENERAL	16/2/1979
5	FAS DOLPHIN-II	GULF	LOADING UREA	18/2/1979
6	CERVO	GULF	GENERAL	20/2/1979
7	AL SABAHIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	19/2/1979
8	MARIA-N	REZAYAT	GENERAL	18/2/1979
9	HOSER OPAL	KANOO	GENERAL	18/2/1979
10	CAPE PRIDE	GUSAIBI	C CEMENT IN BAGS	14/2/1979
11	ELESTRIA IV	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	16/2/1979
12	ASIA LARK	ALIREZA	RULK CEMENT	16/2/1979
13	GEYE REBELS	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS	20/2/1979

Vessels Working at Anchorage

GREAT MAURICE	KANOO	LIVE MARBLE	15/2/1979
PRIMAVERA	SMC	RULK CEMENT	15/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals

AL SABAHIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	19/2/1979
GEYERFELS	ALI REZA	CONTAINERS	20/2/1979
CERVO	GULF	GENERAL	20/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

HUAL TRAVELLER	KANOO	BARBER	20/2/1979
AUSTRALIA STAR	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
STRATHFAYNE	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
IBN ZUBER	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
KELLET ISLAND	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
CONCORDIA STAR	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
ASIA ECHO	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979
EMILY MOON	KANOO	KANOO	20/2/1979

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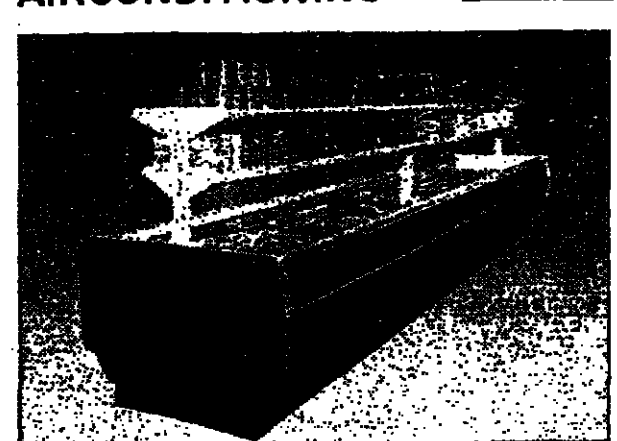
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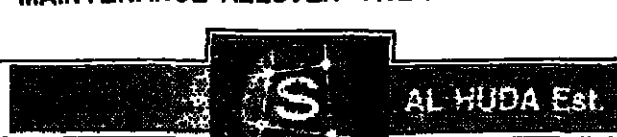
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1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—
4	THEODOROS	ALWANI	DURRA/OIL CAKE/NUTS	18/2/1979
5	OCEAN PRIMA	A.E.T.	GENERAL/CONTAINERS	19/2/1979
6	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—
8	LAMMA ISLAND	ALATAS	SURGHUM/GEN./STEEL PIPES	17/2/1979
9	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—
11	ANDROMACHE	SHOBOKSHI	RICE GEN./POTATOES	18/2/1979
12	—	—	—	—
13	UNENFELS	ALIREZA	CTRS./GEN. YACHT	18/2/1979
14	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—
16	SAN PEDRO	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	18/2/1979
17	—	—	—	—
18	ACHILLEUS	POLAO	BULK CEMENT	18/2/1979
19	GERARD L.D.	ALSAABAH	FULK CEMENT	19/2/1979
20	MOS RIVER	GULF	BAGGED CEMENT	3/2/1979
21	ATLANTIC CHALLENGE	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	11/2/1979
22	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	6/2/1979
23	FILIPINAS SAUDI	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
24	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—
27	DEMOTRIS C	O.C.E.	FROZEN CHICKENS	18/2/1979
28	—	—	—	—
29	BRAUNFELS	ALIREZA	GEN./STEEL/TIMBER	17/2/1979
30	—	—	—	—
31	—	—	—	—
32	CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	CEMENT	16/2/1979
33	THESEMOPTALAE	DARBER	CONTES/GENERAL	19/2/1979
34	GRAND UNION	M.S.A.	BANANAS	17/2/1979
35	FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	ORANGES	18/2/1979

RO RO	AGENT	RO RO UNITS	ARR. DATE
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2-Recent Arrivals

DARBER	STAR NAV.	CONTES/GENERAL	18/2/1979
ALIREZA	—	DURRA TO LOAD MTY CTRS. & TRLS	19/2/1979
A.E.T.	—	CONTAINERS	19/2/1979
A.E.T.	—	RO RO UNITS	19/2/1979
ALSAABAH	—	BULK CEMENT	19/2/1979
ORRI	—	MAIZE/EXCESSORGHUM	19/2/1979
ALGOSAIBI	—	CONTAINERS	20/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours

HELLENIC WAVE	ALPHA	GEN./RICE/FLOUR	20/2/1979
GLORIOUS TRADER	ALWANI	WIRE MESH/TIMBER	20/2/1979
BURABA WAVE	SHOBOKSHI	TIMBER/FOODSTUFFS	20/2/1979
BLUE SKY	SAABOUD	COFFEE POTS	20/2/1979
LAUREA	STAR NAV.	DURRA	20/2/1979
MARCO POLO	EL HAWI	FRUITS/CHICKENS	20/2/1979
NIKOLAS	O.C.E.	FRUITS/POTATOES/MEAT	20/2/1979
TARGO	MEDCO	FROZEN POULTRY/EGGS	20/2/1979
SEATRAN	MEDCO	LOADING MTY CONTRS	20/2/1979
LOTTERDAM	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS	20/2/1979
LOTTIE-P	—	LARGE VEHICLES	20/2/1979

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS **سورصات العالم**

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Time Inc.	40	39%	United Corporation	369	30
Times Mirror	38%	37%	Uniti Realty & Mgmt.	164	23 1/16
Times	53%	53	Wellton	460	400
Trans	18%	18%	West Development	336	33%
Trans Am	19%	19%	Western	511 1/16	511 1/16
Transco	24%	24%	Western Clothing	28 9/16	29 1/16
Trans Union	30	30	Westphalen Mills	311 1/4	311 1/4
TWP Corp	15%	15%	Zenith	338	338
TV	17%	17%	Zionia Copper Inc.	14%	14%
Union Carb. & Carb.	17%	17			
Union Carb. & Carb.	30%	30%			
26th Century Film	30%	30%			
UNICO	29%	29%			
UNICO	51%	51%			
UGI	19%	19%			
Unicom	62%	62%			
Unicom NV	61%	61%			
United Bancorp	28%	28%			
United Carbide	28%	28%			
United Chemical	88	8			
United Comm.	88	9			
United Energy	28%	28%			
United Pacific	66%	66%			
Univis	7%	6%			
United States	28%	28%			
US Bancorp	28%	28%			
US Bank	28%	28%			
US Steel	21	21			
US Steel	24	23%			
US Trust	28%	28%			
UV Industries	33%	33%			
Virgin Elect.	14%	14%			
Wabash	21%	21%			
Wal-Mart	56%	56			
Warner Comm.	43	43%			
Warner Lambert	24	24			
Washington Post	28%	28%			
Wells Fargo	27	26%			
Western Bancorp	24%	24%			
Western M. & M.	29%	29%			
Western Union	17%	17			
Whitcomb	17%	17%			
White Corp.	30	15%			
Williams Cos.	18%	18%			
Wm. Wrigley	28%	28			
Worthington	28%	28%			
Wyer	4%	4%			
Xerox	56%	56			
Yankee	24%	24%			
Zenith	33%	33%			
Zenith	95 1/16	95 1/16			
Zenith - 4% 1990	95 1/16	95 1/16			
Zenith - 6 1/2% 7/95	95 1/16	95 1/16			
US 90 Day Bill	9.56%	9.56%			

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL			
February 19		February 16	
Stock	19	16	16
Alford Securities	149	145	
Rebock & Wilson	16	16	
Reichman Group	614 1/4	627	
RICC	113 1/2	116 1/2	
Rike Clinic	16 1/2	20 1/4	
ROC International	69	70	
Roth Co. Ltd.	199 1/2	193 1/2	
Romney & Wicks	18 1/2	17 1/2	
S.A.T. Industries	25 1/4	25 1/4	
Sturman Ridge	78	78	
Steven Little Co.	10 1/2	10 1/2	
Canbury Shopping	51 1/2	51 1/2	
Commercial Union	144 1/4	141 1/4	
Continental	14 1/2	14 1/2	
De La Rue Co.	33 1/2	34	
Dietrichs Co.	287	288	
Dow	28 1/2	28 1/2	
EMJ	127 1/2	128 1/2	
Falcon	283 1/2	289 1/2	
General	28 1/2	28 1/2	
General Electric	32 1/2	32 1/2	
Glen Holdings	47 1/2	48 1/2	
Granger	17 1/2	17 1/2	
Gr. Univ. Stores "A"	292	292	
Guardian Royal Etc.	212	214	
GUN	23 1/2	23 1/2	
Harvard Shipyards	281	284	
Hawser "A" Corp.	201 1/2	201 1/2	
ICI	129 1/2	129 1/2	
ICI	36 1/2	36 1/2	
Imperial Group	62 1/2	63 1/2	
Leopold Co.	141 1/2	141 1/2	
London Brick Co.	63 1/2	64 1/2	
Luna Industries	36 1/2	37 1/2	
M&C	34 1/2	34 1/2	
P & O	78 1/2	78 1/2	
Phillips	86 1/2	87 1/2	
Plomer Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2	
Practical Amer.	134 1/2	136 1/2	
Road Organization	230	230	
Reichman	62 1/2	62 1/2	
Reid International	157 1/2	161 1/2	
Rite Thin Zinc Corp.	275 1/2	278 1/2	
Rockwell	34 1/2	35 1/2	
Splitters	139	139	
Tate & Lyle	134	136	
Tenneco	112	114	
Tow Investments	348	352	
Turner & Newall	149 1/2	152 1/2	
UDG Group	81	81	
Unilever	57 1/2	57 1/2	
Victrola	175 1/2	172 1/2	
Woodwards (P.W.)	16 1/2	16 1/2	
Vernor & West Bank			
Versar	141 1/2	141 1/2	
Vesta	283 1/2	283 1/2	
Volkswagen	234 1/2	235 1/2	

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MINING STOCKS			
Stock	February 16	February 17	
Anglo-Am. Corp.	371	375	
Amstar Amer. Corp.	27	26	
Apex Mtn. Inv.	405	459	
Barlow Rand.	275	269 1/2	
Bygonianveld Gold	440	409	
De Beers Cons.	301	303	
Bruckner	141	140 1/2	
Bullfinch	13	13 1/16	
Charter Const.	147 1/2	147 1/2	
Carnel, Gold Mines	70 1/16	70 3/16	
De Beers Cons. Minst.	446	448	
Diamond	425 1/2	426	
East African Inv.	50 1/2	51 1/2	
First S. Gold	23 1/16	23 1/16	
General Mining	442 1/2	449	
Goldfields of S. A.	228	22 1/2	
Gold Mines of S. A.	55	53 3/4	
Hartley	28 1/2	21	
Johnsonburg Cons.	19	17 1/2	
Kloof Gold Mng.	91	92	
Leslie & Co.	90 1/2	91 1/2	
Lithium Gold Mng.	750	765	
Mineral & Resources	228	225	
President Cons.	138 1/2	138 1/2	
President Shays	319	310 1/16	
Ram Cons. Mines "B"	504	506 1/2	
Rising Star	118	120 1/2	
Selwyn Inv.	514	516	
S. Helms	13 5/16	13 5/16	
St. Barbara	512 1/2	507 1/2	
Union Bank	549	549	
Varco (No. Pr. 250)	3295	3295	
Zarich Inc.	12675	12575	
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		Closing	Closing
		Price	Price
		Feb. 16	Feb. 16
AMC	32 1/2	32 1/2	34.00
Amstar Amer. Corp.	36900	37570	
Asst. Gen. Inv.	514	508.00	
Cent. Const.	4460	4500	
Cons. Const.	2700	2700	
Fluorid.	184.00	184.00	
ICI Pl.	2170	2128	
Gen. Inv.	69	69	
Imperial Indus.	779	774.50	
Indus. Const.	423.00	421.50	
Indus. Const.	24600	24600	
Imperial Indus.	228	219.75	
Magnum Indus.	545.00	532.00	
Met. Const.	31895	31020	
Met. Const.	26000	26000	
Met. Const.	1900	1810	
Met. Const.	194.00	185.00	
Met. Const.	978	980	
Met. Const.	114.03	113	
Met. Const.	765.00	765	
Met. Const.	1814	1765	
Met. Const.	885	885	
Met. Const.	61.00	60.00	
Met. Const.	640	640	
Met. Const.	80	81.4	
Met. Const.	1670	1670	

Closing Feb. 16		Closing Feb. 15		Closing Feb. 15		Closing Feb. 15	
Price Keweenaw				Price Rich			
Borgess Bank	120.58	119.58		Croftland	342	342	
Barrington	73.98	72.88		Perimeter	267	267	
Croftland	118.50	118.00		Selkirk	607	564	
Keams	472	385.00		Somerset	48	68	
Kroftland	116.25	116.25		Stanton	288	288	
Norak Hydro K.R.S.	234.80	234.68		Vest Magnet	238	238	
Sewardland	92.80	91.58					

Closing Feb. 12		Closing Feb. 14	
Price Yuma			
Forward Market			
A.C.B.C.	438	431	
Arford	2300	2270	
Astoria	690	688	
Bassett	472	465	
Bret-Lambert	1820	1805	
Can Pac	620	626	
Chadwell	490	486	
De Beers	212	212	
Electrobel	6894	6910	
EZ123	2535	2535	
GP-Imco-EM	2539	2539	
Gervert	1360	1360	
Gold	2569	2569	
Petrolfin	3915	3922	
Royal Dutch	1875	1878	
Shawmut	1868	1842	
Soc. Gen. Belg.	2205	2190	
Soflam	3599	3530	
Solvent	2650	2650	
Tungamahua Com.	121	121	
Union Miniere	784	784	
Yalla Montagne	1825	1850	
Cash Market			
Amstarcom Com.	8210	8210	
Ford Motor	6790	6790	
Soc. Gen. Banque	3409	3405	

Closing Feb. 16		Closing Feb. 19	
Alkal Trading	395	366	
Amal Chem.	175	175	
Amal Glass	359	351	
Bank of Tokyo	217	211	
Bayer Chem.	802	790	
Brigantine Tely	315	310	
Canon	519	493	
Chalk	714	714	
Chalk Flower	1040	1060	
Chalken Water	466	452	
Dakota Keweenaw Bank	650	650	
Dal Nippon Printing	539	537	
Dal Nippon Tely	288	285	
Shaw Mutinon	470	470	
Pull Bank	336	337	
Pull Photo Film	675	665	
Pull Tely	156	166	
Pullman	449	447	
Hindal	264	259	
IBL	292	282	
IBL	189	189	
Bank	266	259	
Bank	294	290	
Kajima	351	348	
Kawani Steel	1079	1170	
Kan	620	620	
Kawani Steel	125	123	
Kirk Brewery	455	453	
Kobun	385	387	
Kobun	285	275	
Kumamoto Ind.	690	685	
Kumamoto Works	94	970	
Mitsubishi Bank	333	333	
Mitsubishi Chemical	151	150	
Mitsubishi Electric	194	195	
Mitsubishi Heavy	388	392	
Mitsubishi Heavy	129	129	
Mitsubishi Corp.	422	424	
Mitsui Com.	297	307	

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EXCHANGE RATES AND LONDON GOLD		سعر العملات والذهب
LONDON	NEW YORK	
Gold price per ounce	\$380.75	سعر الذهب للاونصة
Pound sterling	\$1.96	الجنيه الإسترليني
Dollar	£0.51	الدولار
Sterling	¥160.00	الين الياباني
Yen	₹100.00	الروبية الهندي
Rupee	₦100.00	الشilling الكيني
Shilling	₪100.00	النشليم الإسرائيلي
Israeli sheqel	₮100.00	الدينار الكويتي
Kuwait dinar	₯100.00	السيلينج النيبالي
Nepalese rupee	₱100.00	البيزو الفلبيني
Philippine peso	₧100.00	التغرا الويتانية
West African CFA franc	₡100.00	الفانجا السنغالية
Senegal franc	₣100.00	الفرنك الجزائري
Algerian franc	₤100.00	الريال المغربي
Moroccan riyal	€100.00	الشيلينج الزمبابوي
Zimbabwe shilling	₭100.00	الكينيا شيلينج
Kenya shilling	₮100.00	الدينار العراقي
Iraqi dinar	₯100.00	الدينار الليبي
Libyan dinar	₰100.00	الدينار التونسي
Tunisian dinar	₱100.00	الدينار المصري
Egyptian pound	₲100.00	الدينار السوري
Syrian pound	₳100.00	الدينار العراقي
Iraqi dinar	₴100.00	الدينار العراقي
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February 19		February 16	
USA	2,959.60-2,960.0	STG	2,975.2-2,981.5
Canada	1,394.0-1,395.0	BFR CNL	29.28-29.33
France	2,629.0-2,630.0	CAN	71.70-71.75
Belgium	51.48-51.49	DMK	5.716-5.717.8
Italy	1,644.0-1,645.0	LFT	840.0-840.50
N. Germany	1,772.0-1,773.0	SPF	29.15-29.20
Switzerland	1,345.9-1,350.0	DMK	1,671.0-1,672.8
N. Holland	8,700.0-8,705.0	DMK	1,350.0-1,350.0
Sweden	8,700.0-8,705.0	YEN	200.15-200.25
Australia	10,380.0-10,385.0	AUS, SCH	11.32-11.56
Norway	27.15-27.25	NOR	5.09-5.10
Denmark	84.75-84.85	NKR	5.09-5.10
Japan	481.30-481.50	POMT	47.00-47.10
		SPF	29.15-29.20
		BFR FRN	29.25-29.30
		SPF	69.65-69.70
		MEXICO	22.75-22.76
		Stg. one month 49-44 ctd. two months 83-78 d	
		Three months 130-127 ctd. six months 3.18 d	
		ctd. twelve months 470-430 ctd	
		Stg. one month 3.62 d. two months 3.42 d	
		three months 3.3 d. four months 3.2 d	
		five months 3.1-3 pen. six months 3-12 pen	
		twelve months 14-21 pen.	
N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES			
February 19			
Cadillac	2.9625		
Indian Franc	29.2599		
Denmarkmark	1.8283		
Swiss Franc	47.7967		
French Franc	4.2393		
Italian Lira	840.538		
Belgian Franc	200.558		
Spanish Franc	1.6712		
LONDON GOLD		February 19	
3.00p.m. fix.			2248
Morning fix.			2247
Friday's fix.			2247

DOW JONES STOCK COVERAGE

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February 16

30 Industrials ... **\$27.08** **DN 1.21** **or 0.15%**
20 Transport ... **\$21.63** **DN 0.39** **or 0.18%**
15 Utilities ... **\$104.26** **UP 0.17** **or 0.16%**
65 Stocks ... **\$201.25** **DN 0.28** **or 0.10%**

New York — (AP)—D — The stock market edged higher today.

Analysts said the light trading volume Thursday indicated that many potential investors have taken to the sidelines. Political uncertainties in the Persian Gulf area and questions about the outlook for the U.S. economy are making foreign investors especially hesitant, one analyst said.

Also affecting prices were news reports that Alia Ahdad and Oatzer are raising their price for light crude oil by 7.25¢.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal said domestic oil prices would rise, but OPEC coun-

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Inventories kept pace with sales as indicated by fact that inventories declined 1.4 months' supply unchanged from November.

About 790 issues declined while 400 gained.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended \$29.09, off 0.69. It had been in minus territory for 14 days. Volume fell to 256,600 shares.

27,360,000 shares Wednesday.

Prices rose slightly on the American Stock Exchange, but declined on the New York Stock Exchange.

Gained three cents. The Exchange listed grew 6 points to 142.58.

Declines continued gains by 288 to 261.58.

Resorts International Club was the most traded stock, up 1¢ to 38 3/4 of volume of 175,000.

Tabaco de Acoro de Mexico advanced 1/4¢ on turnover of 88,300. Brown Cos. Wednesday was up 1/4¢ on 10,000 shares.

Houston Oil fell 1/4¢ to 17 on volume of 70,000.

Reeves Telecom added 1/4¢ to 55 1/2 on 66,300 shares changing hands.

	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 14	Feb. 13	Feb. 12	1 yr. change
Government Secs.	65.92	65.19	65.19	65.39	65.18	65.98	74.6%
Fixed Interest	66.44	66.05	66.03	66.21	66.60	65.77	77.6%
Industrial Ordinary	490.3	495.3	490.8	497.4	495.4	446.1	59.1%
Gold Mines	118.7	117.2	115.6	114.4	117.1	117.4	137.1%
Gold Mines (Div & Int) ..	125.7	121.1	120.3	118.8	120.1	120.5	151.5%
Ord. Div. Yield	6.17	6.24	6.30	6.21	6.24	6.37	5.8%
Savings 1/2% (Half%) ..	16.11	16.31	16.46	16.23	16.31	16.65	17.7%
Public Bonds (20-30) ..	8.85	8.75	7.80	7.89	7.80	7.84	75.5%
Defensive Stocks	3.76	3.76	3.76	3.74	3.75	3.73	75.3%
Value (per cent)	—	—	—	64.65	75.32	73.00	75.3%

Expiry burglar total	—	11,333	12,110	15,117	13,486	13,914	11,579
Jan. 455.0	11 am. 456.5	Neon 458.2	1 p.m. 459.5	2 p.m. 459.7	3 p.m. 459.7		
Latest Index 01-326 9026.							
* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. ■ Nil = 7.73.							
Basis 180 Govt. Secs. 15/10/26. F.I. Ind. 1928. Ind. Ord. 17/35.							
Gold Mines 12/9/55. Ex-5 per index started June, 1972. SE Activity July-Dec. 1942.							
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February 19 Lanchester Prices							
COCOA	Today's Closing	Previous Closing					
March	£ per tonne	£ per tonne					
	1700	1700					
			WOOL				
	Today's Closing	Previous Closing	Wool				
	£ per tonne	£ per tonne	Antirillan Greasy Wool				
	132.00	132.00					
	131.70	131.00					
	132.50	132.00					
	131.80	131.50					
	130.50	130.20					
	131.60	131.50					

ARABICA COFFEE		Robusta Coffee	
	\$/ per 50Kilo		\$/ per metric
August	UNQ	UNQ	
October	UNQ	UNQ	
December	UNQ	UNQ	
February	UNQ	UNQ	
April	UNQ	UNQ	
June	UNQ	UNQ	
August	UNQ	UNQ	

ROBUSTA COFFEE		ALUMINIUM	
	\$/ per metric		
March	1394	1387	
May	1323	1323	
July	1289	1287	
September	1263	1260	
November	1257	1256	
January	1216	1213	
March	1280	1193	

ALUMINIUM		COPPER	
Today's Closing	750.00	Today's Closing	750.00
One month	747.00	One month	750.00
Three months	740.50	Three months	750.00
Six months	750.00	Six months	750.00

GRAINS		Cotton		Cotton	
	Yesterday's Closing	Yesterday's Closing	Yesterday's Closing	1 per cent	
		per long ton			
March	94.00	91.66	Wharves	1962.50	1903.50
April	97.28	94.25	Three months	1077.00	1077.50
May	92.00	86.00	Three months	1003.50	—
September	95.40	88.50	Cable	923.50	994.00
November	95.40	88.50	Three months	1069.50	1010.00
January	99.25	93.28	Settlement	994.00	—

RUBBER		Pence per kilo		LEAD		£ per tonne	
March	63.58	63.00	Cash	525.00	526.00		
April	63.25	62.85	Three months	492.50	479.50		
May	61.80	61.70	Settlement	526.00	—		
July-September	65.75	65.70					
Oct.-December	67.78	67.60					
January-March	69.70	69.60					
April-June	71.60	71.55					
July-September	73.65	73.55					
Oct.-December	75.65	75.55					

RAW SUGAR		£ per long ton		SILVER		Per tray ounce	
Super Prof.				Cash	385.50	386.00	
Common, Com.				Three months	398.10	398.20	
					396.00	—	
March	107.38	107.10					
May	112.80	112.80					
August	117.70	117.60					

TIN		Standard		£ per tonne	
March	112.80	112.80			
May	117.70	117.60			
August	117.70	117.60			

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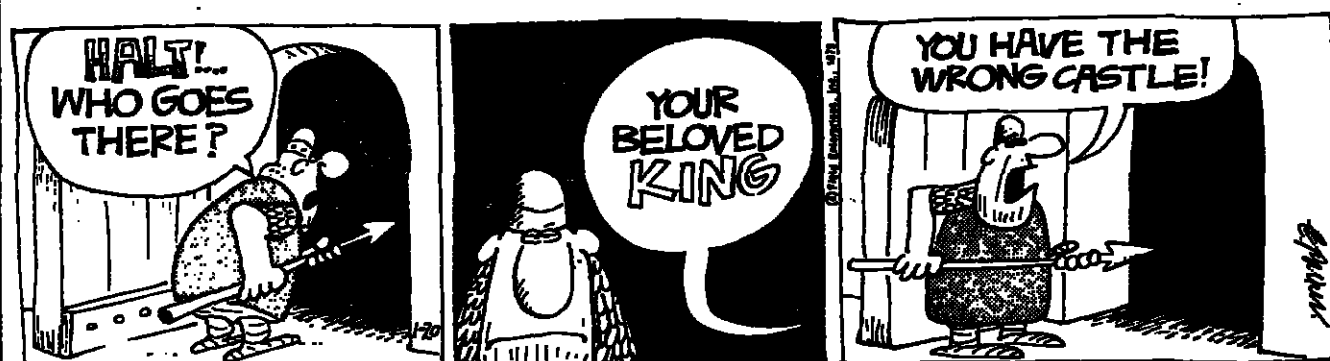
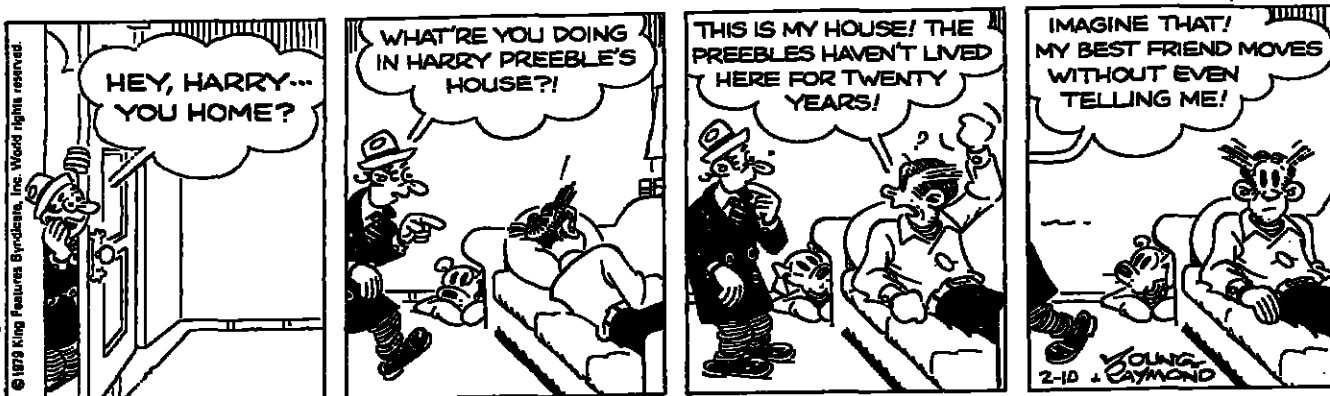
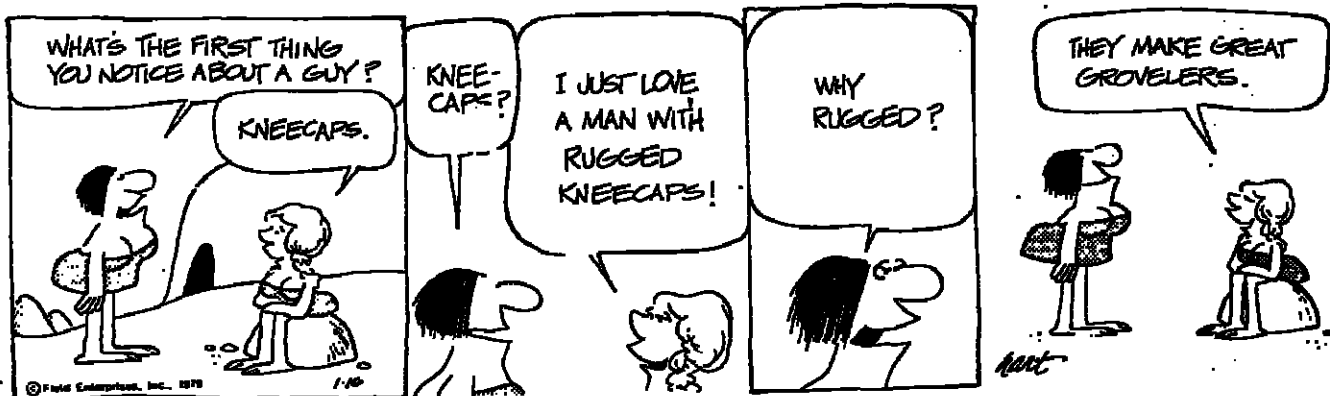
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Art dept. essential

6 West like the wind

11 Forty winks

12 Off ship

13 On tip-toes

14 Roman road

15 Extensive property

17 Three tries in unison

19 Lamprey catcher

20 Gay Nineties, e.g.

21 Staggered

22 Late Maxwell

24 "Crazy as a..."

26 Turf

28 Interrogate

30 Florida city

32 Blundered

34 Newspaper item

36 Architectural pier

38 Resawaken

39 Scrambled

40 Balanced

42 Philadelphia Rose

44 Thin down

DOWN

1 Spiritual leader

2 Greek goddess of wisdom

3 Barracks sound

4 Road topping

5 Fencing foil

6 Grandiose

7 Skill

8 Residue

9 Worked on copy

10 Drug user: sl.

11 Queen's ship

12 Taken care of

13 El-fil

14 Setting, not bass

15 Alfonso's queen

16 Celtic

17 May Day

18 Dreamlike state

19 Allude to

20 River in Texas

21 Hardy

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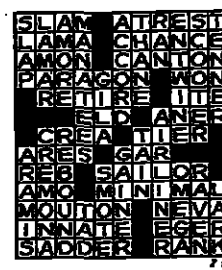
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLEAXE

LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

VFG CRNG DGXDSG KFX TRY

PGYJ XVFGLC GWGLJVFQYM

RLG URNZIC UXL LGUICQYM

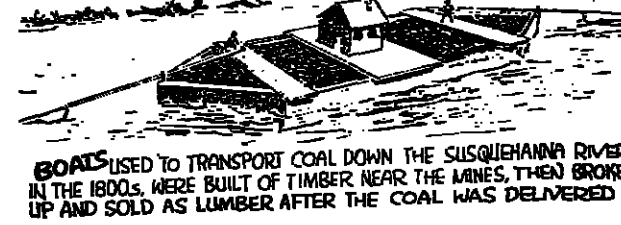
VFGNCGSWGC YXVFGYM - S. FIYV

Yesterday's Cryptogram: AN EFFORT MADE FOR THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS LIFTS US ABOVE OURSELVES. - L.M.CHILD

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

6643

QJ3

AKQ1088

AK109

EAST

885

QJ655

QJ72

Q652

SOUTH

AKQ

AK10742

Q54

AKJ4

The bidding:

South West North East

10 Pass 20 Pass

2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead - jack of spades.

Sylvia was always hard to play against. It was not that she was a tomcat player - on the contrary, she was regarded by most members of the club as the worst player they'd ever seen - but because it was impossible to tell from either her bidding or her play what kind of hand she held.

From Sylvia's standpoint, all her bids and plays were well-reasoned and correct. But when her married partners, after a particularly grueling experience, would ask her why in the world she

had done what she did, she would invariably offer forth with reasons that would betray the extraordinary workings of her mind and leave her listeners in a state of utter confusion.

Of course, some of Sylvia's aberrations worked out in her favor, and whenever this occurred the word would quickly circulate through the club that Sylvia had done it again. Here is one of her hands that created quite a stir.

Sylvia was East and her partner led a spade, won by South with the queen.

Declarer made the proper play of a diamond to dummy's right on which Sylvia played the deuce! This remarkable play naturally led South to think that West had the jack of diamonds. Declarer returned to his hand with a spade and led another diamond, West following low again.

When declarer played the nine from dummy, Sylvia this time won the trick with the jack and returned a low heart. There was nothing South could now do to make the contract, and he eventually went down two.

Had Sylvia made the normal play of winning the eight of diamonds with the jack, all trick two - as most players would have done - South would not have had the slightest difficulty making three notrump.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

WEDNESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:34	6:53	12:42	4:01	6:24	7:54
Medina	5:37	6:54	12:43	4:00	6:22	7:52
Nejd	5:04	6:25	12:10	3:28	5:50	7:20

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1079
6:30 It's A SM. World	Elephant Hunter In Luangwa
6:50 Chico & The Man	Play Gypsy
7:25 Six Million \$ Man	Carnival Of Spies
8:13 Brady Bunch Hour	Vincent Price
8:59 Laverne & Shirley	Excuse Me, May I Cut In
9:22 Channel Theater	The Front Page

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours: temperatures decline in the northern region; moderate to high surface winds blow westerly to southwesterly, sporadic showers over the region likely. Temperatures rise gradually over the central and eastern regions and winds blow in variable direction at light to moderate speed.

Sea conditions moderate to choppy in the Red Sea and calm to light in the Gulf.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	33	24	Hail	25	07
Jeddah	30	19	Tabuk	30	14
Riyadh	27	09	Turaif	27	08
Dhahran	27	11	Bisha	27	06
Medina	32	15	Yanbu	34	21
Tai	27	10	Abha	23	05

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 Saudi Literature and Arts	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Selection of Music
2:30 Selection of Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Sound Sweet and Strange
3:15 Music	11:45 Touring Saudi Arabia
3:20 Science Journal	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Classical Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News: Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion; Analyses	America; Science;
8:30 Databank	Cultural; Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News; Feature: The	
Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
News Summary	Midnight
9:30 Music USA:	12:00 News newsmakers'
(Standards)	voices correspondents'
10:00 News Roundup:	reports background
Reports; Actualities	features media com-
	mments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsweek
News Summary	6:15 Outlook
8:30 Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsweek	7:15 Sherlock Holmes
9:30 *Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:30 *Take One
News Summary	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:30 *Sarah Ward	9:00 World News
10:45 *Something to Show	9:09 News about Britain
You	9:15 Radio Newsweek
11:00 World News	9:40 Fanning World
11:09 Reflections	10:00 Outlook News
11:15 Piano Style	Summary
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:00 World News	10:43 Look Ahead
12:09 British Press Review	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:15 World Today	11:00 World News
12:30 Financial News	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:40 Look Ahead	News Summary
12:45 The Tony Myan	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Request Show	Midnight Transmission
Evening Transmission	12:15 Talkabout
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:45 Nature
1:30 Discovery	Notebook
2:00 World News	1:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain,	1:09 World Today
2:15 Alphabet of	1:25 Financial News
Musical Curios	1:55 Book Choice
2:30 Sports International	1:40 Reflections
2:40 Radio Newsworld	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:15 Promenade Concert	2:00 World News
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:09 Commentary
4:00 World News	2:15 The Face of England
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Though the day begins on a cheerful note, you may be shocked to discover that a close one is envious of your career progress.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

For reasons perhaps even unknown to the party concerned, an adviser does not have your best interests at heart. Beware of other's hang-ups.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

An innocent flirtation may end up as a rendezvous with unexpected ramifications. Be careful of to whom you extend your affections.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Silence on the part of a family member doesn't mean that everything is well. Later, you may be surprised at the intensity of their grievances.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Partnership accord marks the daylight hours, but unexpected news about a work situation may be upsetting. Don't be careless with health.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Do-it-yourselfers will accomplish much today. Follow

intuition re home matters, but watch out for free-loaders in the P.M.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You could inadvertently mislead others now. Expect repercussions later if your actions are at cross purposes with your words.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Purchase needed items for the household, but avoid suspiciousness with loved ones later, or communications with them will be marred.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Attend to personal needs. Initiative works wonders but financial dealings with others are dubious. Watch out for gifts with strings attached.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Keep your own counsel now. A friend could betray a confidence or seem disloyal at a career related function. Don't mix business with pleasure.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

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International

Andreotti said abandoning efforts to form government

ROME, Feb. 20 (R) — Christian Democratic Premier-designate Giulio Andreotti is expected to give up his attempt to form a new government, well-informed sources say.

His withdrawal would open the way for President Sandro Pertini to ask a political leader of another party, probably Republican Party President Ugo La Malfa, to try to solve the 19-day-old government crisis.

But the sources said there was virtually no room for maneuver since the second-place Communist Party was insisting on being given cabinet posts in a new government and the Christian Democrats were flatly refusing this concession.

The sources said that all the signs pointed to a general election but added that it could be avoided if the third-ranking Socialist Party would indirectly support a temporary government by abstaining in parliament.

The Socialists have previously supported Communist demands for representation in a coalition government.

Andreotti, who has held office since August 1976, was expected to tell Pertini on Thursday or Friday that he

could not form a new government, the sources said.

His move would follow a meeting of the Socialist Party leadership, which is expected to confirm Party Secretary Bettino Craxi's view that Andreotti's attempt has failed.

It was not clear here whether the 75-year-old La Malfa would accept a request from Pertini to become the first non-Christian Democratic premier since the establishment of the Italian Republic in 1947.

The sources said that in view of the firm positions of the Christian Democrats and Communists, La Malfa was not likely to be able to form a cabinet.

Pertini might then ask Andreotti or Christian Democratic Party President Flaminio Piccoli to try to form a new government, the alternative being a general election, the sources said.

Their only hope of success would be a decision by the Socialist Party to abstain during a vote of confidence for Andreotti's present minority Christian Democratic government or for a new Piccoli cabinet including smaller parties.

The sources said the Socialists might decide to take this action to prevent early general elections before the scheduled European Parliament election in June.

The Socialists are hoping to score gains over the Communists in the June election by campaigning as representatives of the non-Communist European left with the help of West European socialist leaders.



COLD CLIMB: Near-zero temperatures made this ladder hard to handle for a Cambridge, Mass. fireman. The east coast was hit by a heavy blizzard over the weekend. (AP photo)

Eastern U.S. buried under heavy snowfall

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP) — Surprised by a fast-moving storm that dumped up to two feet of snow, the eastern United States awaited an equally sudden thaw Tuesday with temperatures that promised to feel positively balmy after weeks in the deep freeze.

The aftermath of the storm, which approached blizzard conditions in some places as it raged from Virginia to Connecticut after burying the south on Sunday, was sometimes grim.

Looters were arrested in Baltimore; Washington's Birthday sales were canceled; schools were closed; mass transit was paralyzed and major airports in Richmond, Washington, Philadelphia and New York were shut down for most of Monday.

Baltimore police said they arrested more than 300 persons in nearly 1,000 instances of looting after the city's worst snowstorm on record — 20 inches in a 24-hour period. Officials said bakeries, liquor, grocery, auto supply and furniture stores were looted.

Mayor William Schaefer imposed a 10-hour curfew beginning at 7 p.m. Monday. Police used four-wheel-drive vehicles for their patrols.

About 2 feet of snow fell on parts of New Jersey Monday. Temperatures Tuesday were to climb above freezing. The National Weather Service said it was too early to tell if flooding would be a problem.

In New York City, where about a foot of snow fell Monday, temperatures also were to be several degrees above freezing for the first time in nearly two weeks. Weather forecasters were concerned that a quick melt could cause flooding.

More than 14 inches of snow socked Philadelphia.

net posts in a new government, the Christian Democrats were flatly refusing this concession.

The sources said that all the signs pointed to a general election but added that it could be avoided if the third-ranking Socialist Party would indirectly support a temporary government by abstaining in parliament.

The Socialists have previously supported Communist demands for representation in a coalition government.

Andreotti, who has held office since August 1976, was expected to tell Pertini on Thursday or Friday that he

Academy Award hopefuls wait anxiously in wings

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20 (AP) — The final campaign for the 51st awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was to begin late Tuesday with the announcement of nominations.

A hundred film industry press agents will be among those awaiting the nominations at the academy's gleaming new headquarters in Beverly Hills, hoping that their studios and clients will appear on the list.

What films will score high in the nominations? "The Deer Hunter," "An Unmarried Woman," "Days of Heaven," "Midnight Express" and "Coming Home" are the 1978 movies most mentioned in earlier awards and critics' choices. Other possibilities include "Heaven Can Wait," "Interiors" and "Autumn Sonata."

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Revolution

Soon when he fled Iran last month was hijacked by its crew and flown back to Tehran from Morocco Tuesday, a spokesman for the new revolutionary government confirmed.

The spokesman said the Boeing 707 named Shalun or Shah's Falcon landed at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport and its crew was then escorted to the headquarters of Khomeini.

More than half of Iran's soldiers, who deserted in droves sent into Vietnam.

The broadcast from Hanoi said that in the first two days of battle, "Chinese forces lost 2,500 troops and 80 tanks. Twelve Chinese battalions were beaten and many others repulsed."

Meanwhile, at Dong Dang, two kilometers inside northeastern Vietnam near the strategic Friendship pass, the traditional invasion route, Vietnamese claims to have inflicted heavy losses on the Chinese, knocking out five tanks, forcing the "enemy remnants" to regroup east of the town.

Vietnam

The general vowed to abolish the preferential system of housing, pay and benefits which the Shah lavished on his military leaders.

Despite the problems of morale and organization, Qarazi said the military was still well equipped with 60-70 billion dollars worth of hardware purchased from many countries, including the United States, West Germany, Britain and the Soviet Union.

In Rabat, Morocco's Islamic party Tuesday became the first member of Morocco's

ruled coalition to congratulate Khomeini for his victory.

The Shah is living in Morocco as a guest of King Hassan after leaving his country five weeks ago.

In Sanaa, a North Yemeni delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Mohammed Al-Funied left there Tuesday for Iran with a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh to Khomeini, official sources said Tuesday.

The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Egypt

"Apparently they do think there is a way to overcome the gap between the Egyptians and our side," Dayan said. "We are looking forward to hearing the American proposals."

Dayan is expected to return to report to the cabinet. He said over the weekend that his delegation was authorized only to present positions and clarify proposals, leaving any final decision on the negotiations for the entire government.

Kuwait

Disturbances exist in other Arab countries. Saudi Arabia's tanks all work on Islamic principles.

The Kuwait crown prince took the opportunity of the bank's opening to urge Arab solidarity which he called the pillar of the region and the only means of restoring Arab rights.

He also said the Arabs should be wary of dangers which lie ahead in view of the turmoil in various parts of the world.



LONDON: Pedestrians squeeze past piles of garbage in central London last week. The garbage collectors' strike has been settled, but Tuesday London ambulancemen decided on a strike that will halt all services, including emergency. (AP photo)

Emergency runs included

London's ambulances may halt

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Local leaders of London's 2,300 ambulance drivers defied top union heads Monday and announced an all-out 24-hour wildcat pay strike starting midnight Tuesday that will ban even emergency services.

"We have had enough. We are sick," said Bill Dunn, spokesman for the local union convenors who called the strike.

"There is tremendous pressure for action and London will be out—officially or not."

"Everything will be affected," he added, including emergency services. "The only way to stop it is if a suitable offer is made and then we will consider it. But we know what is suitable and it is not what is on the table at the moment."

The London ambulance service are among 1.5 million public service workers who have been staging a campaign of strikes, go-slows, overtime bans and determined picketing since Jan. 22 over a demand for more pay.

The campaign has reduced many hospitals and ambulance units around the country to emergency services only. It has closed schools, left the dead unburied and filled city streets with piles of uncollected garbage.

vice Employees, the Transport and General Workers Union and the General and Municipal Workers Union all asked the London drivers not to call the strike.

Good Morning

It's about time!

By Jihad Al-Khazem

The "Washington Post" this month published a uni-
article in favor of the Arab world.

It is not the only such article published recently but it articulates a viewpoint the Arabs themselves have gone hoarse trying to explain.

The author stated frankly that blaming the Arabs for the woes of the American people was deceptive, racist and return to the times when Jews, black and other minorities were the bad guys.

He praised the Arabs for their contributions in astronomy, mathematics, literature, physics, medicine and history. He accused the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), headed by George Meany of being behind the anti-Arab campaign.

He said the AFL-CIO, which wants its share of increases, thinks the Arabs, and more specifically OPEC members, are depriving it of higher salaries by driving up U.N. inflation rate with high oil prices.

The author said the Arabs are plagued with inflation like everyone else and are certainly not "buying up" the world as their foes claim. He cited figures which indicate that main investors in the United States are the Dutch, the British, the Canadians, the Germans, the Swiss the French the Japanese.

He pointed to a recent research which shows that Arab stereotype has become the villain of many American television series. He also referred to a famous statement made by the owner of the Rangers baseball team after he attacked in the press. The m.l. was quoted as saying, "I'll sell the team to some Arabs so the press can attack it."

Arabs who are well aware of their treatment in the American press may wonder at this surprising article. Was it an isolated event with little lasting impact or is it that Americans are finally beginning to see the truth? Only time will tell.

(Translated from "Ashraq Al-Awsat")

By Nkomo guerrillas

Salisbury Airport mortared

SALISBURY, Feb. 20 (AP) — Guerrillas Monday night launched a harmless mortar attack on Salisbury International Airport, lobbing several bombs near a major air force base, the Military Command reported Tuesday.

No one was hurt and there was no damage to the airport, a spokesman said. In Lusaka, Joshua Nkomo's forces claimed responsibility for it.

The military also reported that in the previous 24 hours guerrillas killed four more persons. They included two black civil administration officials,

one white killed in an ambush and another white killed in a landmine blast.

There was little evidence at Salisbury airport, eight miles from downtown Salisbury, that it had come under fire for the first time in the war.

A lone helicopter dived over surrounding bush, country where the guerrillas are thought to have infiltrated from a nearby tribal trust land to set up their mortar position.

The military Command said that "a number of mortar bombs (fell) in the vicinity of Salisbury Airport."

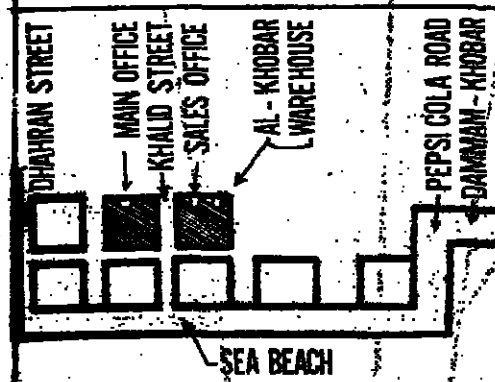
One resident in a neighboring white suburb said she got about ten bombs exploded.

Black airport officials said some of the bombs fell a hundred yards from the Sarum Air Force Base where the jet fighters, bombers and helicopters vital to counter-insurgency war.

New Sarum, one of major air bases, is inside fenced and guarded end of the civilian airport, three miles from the headquarters of the crack combat the Rhodesian Light Infantry.

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